

**Purdue University**  
**March 15 – 22 (7 nights / 8 days)**

**\*\*TBA: Greek Cultural Presentation** (organized virtually) – A presentation led by the study abroad office – Become familiar with Greek culture, values, beliefs, learn a few Greek words and take this opportunity to ask questions you may have about packing, etc.

**Day 0: Friday, March 14:**

- Fly out from USA

**Day 1: Saturday, March 15:**

- TBA: Arrive at SKG Airport & pick up by staff member & private bus
- Check in to hotel / settle in
- **Short Neighborhood walk**
- Dinner on your own
- Overnight at the hotel (Thessaloniki)

**Day 2: Sunday, March 16:**

- 8:00 – 10:00am: Breakfast at the hotel
- 10:00am: Meet Tour guide at the hotel lobby to start the tour
  - **Thessaloniki City Tour**
- **10:00 – 1:00pm:** Group will stroll the streets of Thessaloniki, learn all about its history and traditions.
- 1:00pm: Make our way to Mama's Taper
- 1:00 – 3:00pm: **Greek Cooking Lesson:** Learn how to cook Greek food & eat your creations (proper meal included)
- Remaining time free to explore Thessaloniki on your own. Optional things to do:
  - White Tower: see the amazing views from above
  - Take a taxi to 'Ano Poli' (upper city) and enjoy a meal/drinks
  - Take pirate ship (if it operates) around the bay of Thessaloniki
  - Walk on the waterfront, rent a bike
- Dinner on your own
- Overnight at the hotel (Thessaloniki)

### Day 3: Monday, March 17:

- 7:00 – 8:00am: Breakfast at the hotel
- 8:00am: Meet private bus & depart for the American Farm School
- 9:00 – 10:30am: **Mediterranean Diet: Science & Culture** - includes tasting of traditional Greek products: by Dr. Tryfon Adamidis
- **Break**
- 10:45 – 12:00pm: **Olive oil production on campus & presentation of spraying drone in the fields**
- 12:00 – 1:00pm: lunch on campus (included)
- 1:00 – 1:45pm: **Campus Tour of the Farm & Facilities**
- 1:45 – 2:45pm: **Animal Welfare in Greece**
- **Break**
- **3:00 – 4:30pm: Olive Oil Tasting & Sensory Analysis**
- 4:30pm: Depart for downtown & free time
- 6:30pm: Meet at hotel lobby and walk to nearby tavern
- 7:00pm: **Group dinner at Greek traditional tavern (included)**
- Overnight at the hotel (Thessaloniki)

### Day 4: Tuesday, March 18:

- 7:00 – 7:50am: Breakfast at the hotel and check-out
- 8:00am: Check-out & meet bus, drive to Kalambaka, Meteora (approx. 4hr drive)
- 12:00 – 3:00pm: **Guided Tour of 2 monasteries**
  - *Meaning “in the heavens above” or “middle of the sky” are part of the UNESCO World Heritage List and are amongst the most visited monasteries in the world! There are 6 monasteries that are built on natural sandstone rock pillars. All built around after the 11th century, these gigantic rocks of Meteora are perched above the town of Kalambaka, at a maximum height of 400m (1200 ft)!*
- 3:00pm: End of tour & drive to Trikala (30min drive)
- Check-in to hotel in Trikala & free time
- 6:30pm: Meet at the hotel lobby & walk to nearby tavern
- **Group dinner (included)**
- Overnight in Trikala



## **Day 5: Wednesday, March 19:**

- 8:00 – 9:00am: Breakfast at the hotel
- 9:30am: check out of the hotel and depart for the **Museum of Natural History of Meteora & Mushroom Museum**
- 10:00 – 1:00pm
  - A wonderful 3 hour activity where the students enjoy **'hunting and gathering' truffle mushrooms** with an experienced guide. After the adventure, students enjoy a delicious meal of truffle – pasta with the exact ingredients they found! The excursion ends with a guided tour of the museum.
- 1:00 – 2:00pm: Free time in Trikala for coffee and snacks & depart for Athens (4hr drive)
- 7:00pm: (approximately) arrive at our hotel/ Neighborhood walk in Athens
- Dinner on your own/ Overnight in Athens



## **Day 6: Thursday, March 20:**

- 8:00 – 9:00am: Breakfast at hotel
- 9:00am: Meet bus & drive to **Symbeosis Enterprise** (approximately 1 hr drive)
- 10:00 – 1:00pm: Presentation of the company, welcome drink, sampling of their products & tour of their facilities
  - Symbeosis enterprise grows, gathers and offers organic mountain tea, herbal beverages, food supplements as well as organic honey. Symbeosis products come from vital examples of the naturally occurring symbiosis found everywhere in nature.
- 1:00pm: (approximately): End of tour & drive back to Athens city center
- Free time to explore the city, go shopping
  - Activities that you can do on your own
    - *Visit Lycabettus Hill*
    - *Panathenaic Stadium*
    - *Athens National Gardens*
    - *Athens Open Food Market*
- Overnight in Athens

## **Day 7: Friday, March 21:**

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Athens City Tour**
- **Acropolis Hill- Parthenon Tour**
- TBA: Walk to the **Acropolis Museum**
- TBA: Acropolis Museum Guided Tour
- lunch break in Plaka (on your own)
- Remaining hours free to enjoy Athens
- 6:30pm: Meet at the hotel lobby & walk to tavern
- **Farewell Group dinner (included)**
- Overnight in Athens



## **Day 8: Saturday, March 22:**

- TBA: Depart back to the US (one group transfer)