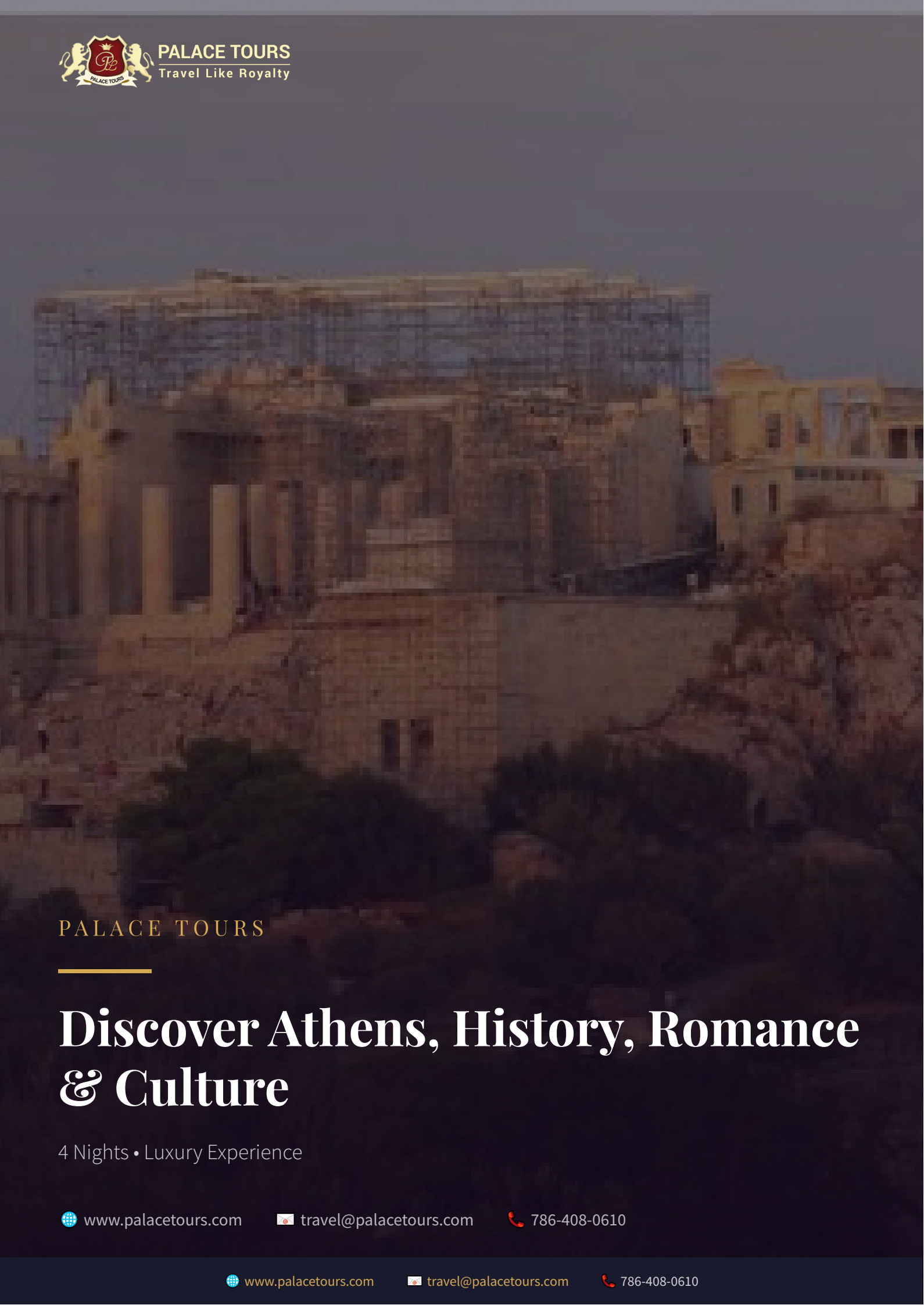

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Overview

Imagine standing on the Acropolis, the heartbeat of ancient Athens, where the whispers of great philosophers and artists echo through time, igniting a new sense of wonder and curiosity within you. As you embrace the vibrant culture and history, a more enlightened version of yourself emerges, one who sees the world not just through the lens of the past, but with a renewed appreciation for the present and future. This journey is not just about visiting places; it's about rediscovering parts of yourself that resonate with the timeless stories and wisdom of this age-old city.

Your adventure begins as you explore the cobblestone streets of Plaka, where history and romance dance together in the shadows of ancient ruins. On the Day Island Cruise, the azure waters become a mirror for introspection, while the Argolis Tour invites you to become part of a narrative that spans centuries. Each moment in Athens, from the bustling markets to the serene temples, offers a chance to create memories that will linger in your heart long after the journey ends. This is more than a luxury travel experience; it's a timeless transformation where history, romance, and culture blend seamlessly, forging unforgettable connections.

DAY BY DAY

Your Itinerary



DAY 1

MORNING OR EVENING

Upon your arrival in Athens be welcomed by your English-Speaking assistant and depart to your hotel for check in. Overnight in Athens.

DAY 2

CITY



After breakfast, you will be picked up by your Guide for your city tour. Start by visiting the Panathenaic Stadium, the cradle of the first modern Olympic Games that took place in 1896 (short stop). The stadium is impressive both for its history and for its U-shape and seats more than 70,000 spectators on a surface completely covered by Pendeli white marble, the same kind used to build the Parthenon. Continue your tour passing by the National Garden, the Roman Temple of Olympian Zeus, Hadrian's Arc, St. Paul's Church, Schliemann's House (Numismatic Museum), Catholic Cathedral, Academy, University, National Library, Old Parliament, Constitution Square Parliament House, Tomb of the Unknown soldier, Russian Orthodox Church and finally visit Acropolis site. Admire the Architectural Masterpieces 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. Your last visit is the Acropolis Museum, where at last the statues and friezes of the Acropolis found their home. After the end of the tour return to your accommodation. Overnight in Athens.



DAY 3

ONE DAY CRUISE

After breakfast, you will be picked up, at set time for your transportation to the marina and embarkation on the cruise boat for your One Day Cruise to 3 Islands: Aegina- Poros- Hydra. At 08:15hrs the ship sails for Hydra. The port of Hydra has an amphitheater shape once served as a safe shelter for Saronic Pirates.

Admire the unique architecture and dramatic landscapes of this island, whose old traditional stone houses and mansions silently stand witness to a long and turbulent history.

Embarkation and sail for Poros, the smallest of the three islands, separated from the Peloponnese by a narrow strait and offering a most enchanting view of Poros Town. Lunch will be served on board. After a two-hour trip you will arrive to your last port of call, the island of Aegina. Here you will have time for a swim, walk at the picturesque port or take an optional excursion, by bus, to the Temple of Afea Athena. Embarkation and sail back to Athens. Arrive in Piraeus, late in the afternoon and transfer back to your hotel. Overnight in Athens.

DAY 4

TOUR



After breakfast, meet your guide & depart for your Full Day tour to Argolis. Head, via the coastal national highway for the Corinth Canal (short photo-stop). Transfer to Mycenae where you will visit the archaeological site, home kingdom of mythical Agamemnon. You will see the Palace, the Lion Gate, and the tomb of Agamemnon. The first excavations at Mycenae were carried out by the Greek archaeologist Kyriakos Pittakis in 1841. He found and restored the Lion Gate. In 1874 Heinrich Schliemann arrived at the site and undertook a complete excavation. Schliemann believed in the historical truth of the Homeric stories and interpreted the site accordingly. He found the ancient shaft graves with their royal skeletons and spectacular artifacts. Upon discovering a human skull beneath a gold death mask in one of the tombs, he declared: "I have gazed upon the face of Agamemnon". Lunch at local restaurant. Depart for a short stop at Nafplion, the first capital of modern Greece with its Venetian fortress of Palamidi and the fortified islet of Bourtzi. Then transfer to Epidaurus and visit the ancient theatre. The Unesco's world heritage listed monument is reputed to be the birthplace of Apollo's son Asklepios, the healer and was the most celebrated healing center of the classical world. Epidaurus is probably most famous for its theatre, one of the best preserved classical Greek buildings and still used today due to its amazing acoustics. Return to Athens and your hotel early in the evening. Overnight in Athens.



DAY 5

ATHENS

After breakfast, you will be met, at set time, by your English-speaking driver and depart to Athens Airport. Connect with your International flight back home.

COMMON QUESTIONS

Frequently Asked Questions

How long is the Discover Athens tour and what does it include?

> Discover Athens, History, Romance & Culture is a 5-day, 4-night stay in Athens. It includes a guided city tour with the Acropolis and Acropolis Museum, a day cruise to the islands of Hydra, Poros and Aegina, and a guided Argolis tour to Mycenae and Epidaurus.

What happens when I arrive in Athens on this tour?

> On Day 1, morning or evening, you are welcomed at arrival by an English-speaking assistant and transferred to your hotel for check-in. Private transportation in Athens is provided as described in the itinerary.

What do I see on the Athens city tour?

> On Day 2 your guide takes you past the National Garden, the Temple of Olympian Zeus, Hadrian's Arch, Parliament and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, then up to the Acropolis to see the Propylaea, the Temple of Athena Nike, the Erechtheion and the Parthenon. The tour ends at the Acropolis Museum.

Are the Acropolis and Acropolis Museum entrance fees included?

> Yes. The organised Athens city tour with a professional English-speaking guide includes the entrance fees for both the Acropolis site and the Acropolis Museum, where the statues and friezes from the Acropolis are displayed.

What is the Panathenaic Stadium?

> The Panathenaic Stadium hosted the first modern Olympic Games in 1896. Built entirely of white Pentelic marble, the same stone used for the Parthenon, it seats more than 70,000 spectators. It is a short stop at the start of the Day 2 city tour.

What is included on the Hydra, Poros and Aegina day cruise?

> On Day 3 you take a one-day cruise visiting three Saronic Gulf islands: Hydra, Poros and Aegina. Lunch on board is included, as is shared transportation from your hotel to the marina and back.

What is the Argolis tour to Mycenae and Epidaurus?

> The Argolis tour is an organised day trip with a professional English-speaking guide to the Peloponnese. You visit Mycenae, the Bronze Age citadel, and the ancient theatre of Epidaurus. Entrance fees and a local lunch are included.

Are the Athens city and Argolis tours private or shared?

> Both are organised shared group tours with a professional English-speaking guide, and the Athens city tour has daily departures. Hotel transfers are private as described in the itinerary, and the island cruise uses shared transportation to the marina.

Which hotel is used on the Discover Athens tour?

> The tour is priced in 4-star class at Hotel Athens Tiare or a similar 4-star hotel, with breakfast daily. A 5-star option, Athens Plaza or similar, is also listed; contact us if you would like a quote for the upgrade.

Which meals are included on the Discover Athens tour?

> Breakfast is included every morning at your hotel. Lunch is included on board the island cruise and a local lunch is included on the Argolis tour. Other meals and beverages are not included, leaving you free to explore the tavernas of Athens.

What is not included in the Discover Athens price?

> The price excludes meals and beverages not mentioned in the itinerary, tips for drivers, guides and escorts, porterage at hotels, airports and ports, the Greek overnight tax payable at the hotel, and any service not mentioned in the itinerary.

How much is the hotel overnight tax in Athens?

> Greece charges an overnight tax paid directly by guests at the hotel. It is 3 euros per room per night at a 4-star hotel and 4 euros per room per night at a 5-star hotel, so for the 4 nights in a 4-star hotel expect around 12 euros per room.

Are flights to Athens included in this tour?

> No. Flights are not among the listed inclusions, so you book your own travel to and from Athens. The tour starts with your arrival transfer on Day 1, morning or evening, so you can choose a flight that suits you.

What currency is the Discover Athens tour priced in?

> The tour is priced in euros per person sharing a double room. The exact fare for your dates is shown on this page or confirmed by a travel specialist when you enquire.

When can I start the Discover Athens tour?

> No fixed departure dates are listed on this page. The Athens city tour runs daily, so the package can usually start on the date you choose, subject to hotel availability and the island cruise and Argolis schedules. Send us your dates to confirm.

Is Athens a good destination all year round?

> Yes. Athens enjoys a Mediterranean climate with abundant sunshine, making it a year-round city break. Summer is hot and busy at the Acropolis, while spring and autumn are milder for walking tours; island cruise schedules can vary by season.

How much deposit is required for the Discover Athens tour?

> A 25% deposit secures your booking, and the balance is due 65 days before arrival. If you book within 65 days of travel, full payment is taken at booking.

Are there child rates on the Discover Athens tour?

> Yes. Child rates are based on age at departure, with one band for children under 5 and another for children aged 5 to 11. Children 12 and over pay the adult rate.

Can I book the Discover Athens tour as a solo traveller?

> Yes. The tour is priced per person sharing a double room, and single occupancy is available on request with a supplement. Contact us with your dates for the single fare.

How do I ask a question or book Discover Athens, History, Romance & Culture?

> Email travel@palacetours.com, call 786-408-0610, or message us on WhatsApp at https://wa.me/17864080610, where a travel specialist or our AI assistant will reply. When departures are listed on this page they can be booked directly online; otherwise send us your dates and we will confirm availability and the fare.

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