



GREECE!

A PILGRIMAGE FOR THE SELF, TO THE BIRTHPLACE OF BELOVED DIVINE FEMININE ARCHETYPES WITH JOAN CLARK SEPTEMBER 21ST- OCTOBER 4TH, 2018



If you have always wanted to explore the Greek Islands and immerse yourself in the history of the Goddess, this trip is for you. Our goal is to relax, explore, visit ancient sites as well as to share in sacred ceremony, have lots of fun and enjoy the magic and wonder of all that Greece and Crete have to offer.

Each day we will incorporate breathwork, meditation, prayers, yoga asanas, silence, sacred anointings, etc., at some of the most powerful sacred spots in the world, in alignment with the land and the Goddesses who have been honored at each site.

I invite you to come be a part of a special pilgrimage to the heart and spirit of the Goddess, which is alive, awakening and rising forth within and without! Join us as we visit ancient sites, to activate the akashic records and ignite the divine feminine archetypes within us all.

Registration/Cost:

Price: \$4,300.00 (includes shared accommodations, breakfast, dinner, transportation while in Greece, tips, and entrance fees).
Single Supplement: +\$950.00. Non-Refundable Deposit \$500.00.

The Path of the Goddess:

Many of you who have traveled with me over the years have asked me, "When are you Going to Greece?" With the rise of the Divine Feminine awakening all over the world and the different archetypal energies of woman being increasingly unveiled, I feel the time is nigh that we travel to Greece and look at some of the Goddesses who have epitomized the different qualities of the divine feminine energies for centuries; who have carved out of history the talents, wisdom, abilities, beauty and power of woman; and who deserve to be honored for their examples.

We have a beautiful journey planned for you who have wanted to experience the beauty, culture and magic of these archetypes of the many different aspects of the Divine Feminine and the role Greece has played in honoring the Goddess.

Itinerary (subject to minor change)



Day 1: Friday, September 21st-- Athens, Goddess Athena

We begin our journey in Athens, the Capital of Greece. Upon arrival at the Athens airport you will be met by our Representative, who will transport you to the hotel. Depending on your arrival time, you may have time to rest and get comfortable, or explore this ancient city on your own before our official gathering. Athens is full of myths, mysteries, and legends, steeped with a rich history that spans around 3,400 years. The city is home of many sacred ancient sites, monuments, and landmarks. A fusion of old and new.

This will be our first evening together and we will gather for an overview of the journey that is before us, before we engage in our Welcome Dinner, to be held at a local restaurant in the Plaka area. We will dine on delicious traditional food. Overnight in our hotel in Athens.

Day 2: Saturday, September 22nd-- Athens



The Archetypal Energies of Goddess Athena-- "Our Lady of Athens", "The One Who Comes".

Today we immerse ourselves in the archetypal energies of the patroness of Athens, Goddess Athena. Known as a warrior Goddess as well as a woman of great wisdom, it is said that she could successfully fuse both of these energies together to bring harmony to the people. This virgin daughter of Zeus never lost a battle and was said to be accompanied by Nike, the Goddess of Victory.

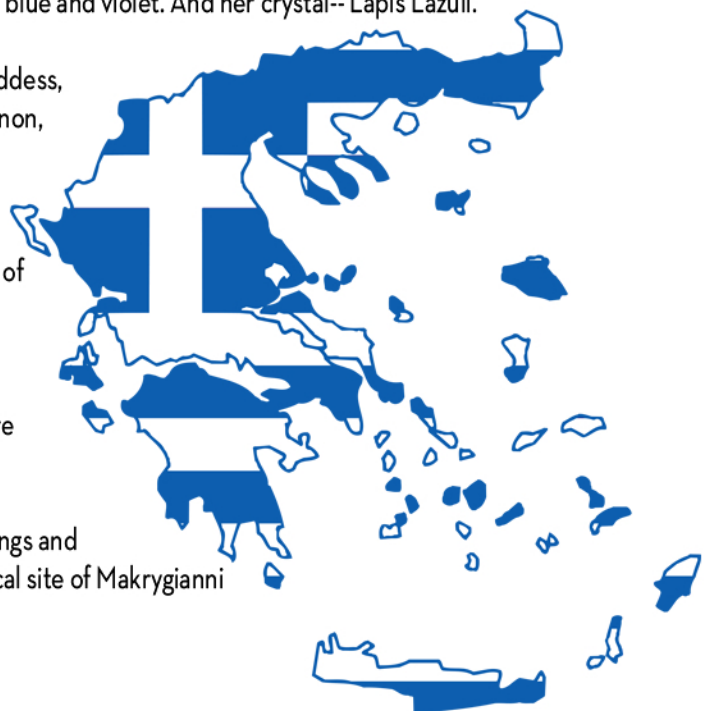
Referred to by many names; Goddess of the Brilliant Eyes, Warrior Goddess, Goddess of Peace, Goddess of Prudent Intelligence, Protectress of Agriculture, just to name a few, Goddess Athena is associated with the Olive Tree, and the bird consecrated to her is the Owl. Wisdom, Purity and Reason are the words that honor her as the Patroness of Greece. Her colors-- blue and violet. And her crystal-- Lapis Lazuli.

Today we follow the Panathenaic Way-- the ancient procession of the Goddess, up to the Acropolis. Here, we will visit the magnificent ruins of the Parthenon, the Temple dedicated to Athena.

Here we will share in a group meditation with the Goddess Athena and look at the archetypal energies that she embodied and how they are part of our own inner Goddess and divine feminine lineage. As a gift to Goddess Athena we will leave a crystal (azurite) as our offering of gratitude.

We will also visit the Theater of Dionysus, the world's oldest theater where great plays by Aeschylus, Sophocles and Euripides were first performed.

Later on we will visit the Acropolis Museum, which is home to all the findings and artifacts from this ancient site. The museum itself sits on the archaeological site of Makrygianni and over part of the ruins of Roman and early Byzantine Athens.



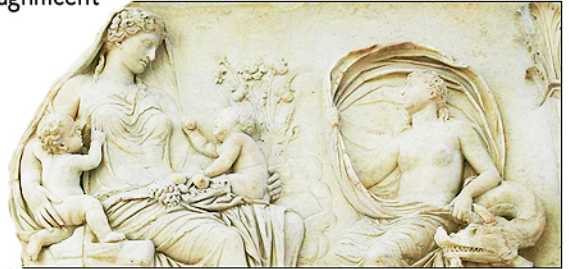
(Day 2 cont.) Lunch can be on your own either at the museum or in a nearby restaurant. You may also stay with the group for a group lunch.

After lunch we walk to the Agora-- the heart of Athens-- a historically important part of Athens. The ancient marketplace where Socrates, Plato and Aristotle strolled, and what used to be the traditional morning meeting place for the citizens in Athens. Here the people would discuss politics and philosophy. They would worship at one of the many altars, visit the Temple of Poseidon, and shop at one of the many markets.

Today this area is one of the quietest and most meditative places in Athens, with magnificent views of the Parthenon atop the Acropolis. Overnight at our hotel in Athens

Day 3: Sunday, September 23rd-- Athens to Delphi (Goddesses Demeter and Persephone)

This morning we depart at 9.00am for Delphi. We will stop en route at Eleusis to visit the Sanctuary of Eleusis, one of the greatest shrines in honor of Demeter (Goddess of Nature) and Persephone (Queen of the Underworld.) Here we will learn about secret rites and initiation ceremonies that honored the wandering Demeter and her daughter Persephone, who was held hostage in the underworld by the God Hades. Their drama was enacted here and witnessed by initiates under a vow of secrecy. Sophocles remarked that, "Happy is man who has seen the secret rites," which were intended to reveal the mysteries of rebirth.



This is an important place for us to look at the myth associated with Demeter and Persephone and the rights of passage-- birth, life, death and rebirth; to integrate the eternal purpose of each phase of our journey and how it connects us lifetime after lifetime to the path of the Goddess.

Upon arrival in Delphi, we will settle into our hotel and then have a little time to stroll around the town and do some shopping before gathering for dinner. Overnight in Delphi.

Day 4: Monday, September 24th-- Delphi, Olympia

Today we depart at 9.00am to experience the Oracle of Delphi, also called the Pythia, or the Sibyl, who uttered prophecies for pilgrims who came to her temple-- considered to be the center of the world-- for over twelve hundred years. We will walk from the small town of Delphi and wind our way up the ancient Sacred Way to the home of the Oracle at the Temple of Apollo.



Here, we will dwell on the threshold of one of the greatest pilgrimage sites in the world where everyone will have time to approach the temple in the spirit of the ancient pilgrims who brought their deepest questions here for 1200 years.

We will also experience the healing energies at the Temple to Athena-- dedicated to protecting women. Here we will take time to do a gratitude ceremony for this holy intention that has been holding sacred space for women.

We will then visit one of the most beautiful stadiums in ancient Greece, and the old theater.

Finally, we will visit the Delphi Museum, which features the original stone-- symbolic of Delphi being the navel of the ancient world-- and see the magnificent bronze sculpture of the charioteer found in a shipwreck in the 19th century.

After lunch, Olympia, a sanctuary of ancient Greece, and home to the Olympic Games of the classical period. Olympia was considered a national shrine for the Greeks and housed many treasures and works of art ranging from temples, monuments, sacred altars, theaters and statues. Upon arrival at our hotel we will settle in and then enjoy dinner. Overnight in Olympia.

Day 5: Tuesday, September 25th-- Olympia



Today we depart at 9:30am to discover the site of the ancient Olympics and spend the day visiting the ancient gymnasium, and the palaestra (wrestling forum). At the Temple of Hera, where the Olympic torch is lit every four years, we will gather for a meditation.

We will then visit the ruins of the Temple of Zeus, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, and finally enter the excavated stadium, the origin site of all Western athletics.

After lunch, we walk through an old olive grove for a visit to the Olympics Museum, which features a collection of Olympic torches, medals, and memorabilia of the Baron Pierre de Coubertin, the visionary who revived the Modern Olympic Games in the belief it would revive the spirit of the well-lived life. We return to the hotel to freshen up, followed by dinner. This evening, stroll through Olympia on your own, or we may visit a local tavern for traditional music. Overnight in Olympia.

Day 6: Wednesday, September 26th-- Corinth, Athens

This morning we depart at 9:30am stopping at Corinth, home of King Sisyphus, and the infamous temple in honour of Aphrodite, goddess of love and beauty, and the spectacular nearby canal. We will spend time connecting with her energy and how she relates to our own lives. Overnight in Athens.

Day 7: Thursday, September 27th-- Tinos

Morning departure by ferry.

Enchanting yet still unknown to the majority of people, this Cycladic island mostly attracts Greek pilgrims travelling there twice a year-- on March 25 and August 15-- to visit the church of Panagia Megalochari (the Blessed Virgin Mary). Tinos is known as the holy island and is often referred to as the Lourdes of Greece. Pilgrims come here to seek help from the Blessed Mother.

On Tinos you may see people crawling on their hands and knees from the port, up the street, and up the steps of the Sacred Church of the Evangelists to kiss the miracle-working icon. From all over the world, people come here to seek comfort, healing and rejuvenation. Tinos is the most important Orthodox center of worship in Greece, but at the same time, is also an important Catholic center; this being so rare in Greece-- the mix of religious traditions gives to the island a magical character. Here we will connect to the Blessed Mother and do a ceremony. The Sanctuary of Poseidon in Tinos was one of his most important in the ancient times. In fact, Tinos was the only island of the Cyclades that has dedicated an entire temple to Poseidon, the god of sea. Along with him, his wife Amphitrite, was also worshiped. Overnight in Tinos.

Day 8/9: Friday-Saturday, September 28-29th-- Tinos, Santorini

Transfer to port and ferry to Santorini.

Santorini, like a sparkling jewel in the Aegean Sea, with its white-washed buildings against the backdrop of cobalt blue sea and famous for its black sand beaches is almost too picture perfect!

It's not hard to understand why so many believe Santorini to be the ancient site of Atlantis. This island is filled with archaeological sites including Akrotiri, Greece's answer to Pompei, an ancient village that was preserved by lava, now uncovered.



Equally as beautiful is the Volcano of Santorini, the enormous sea filled Crater perched so high above the island that the cruise ships below look like model boats. This is one of the most beautiful places in the world to enjoy the sunset. We will look at mystery of the Minoans and the labyrinth of Knossos Palace. We enjoy a boat trip to Nea Kameni to visit the active volcano. On to Palea Kameni where the thermal springs provide natural heated baths. Overnight in Santorini.

Day 10/11/12: Sunday-Monday-Tuesday, Sept 30th-Oct 2nd-- Santorini, Crete

Transfer from Santorini to Crete. Crete is a colourful puzzle of mythology, history, mountains, gorges and seashores. This huge island is filled with Minoan, Ancient Greek, Roman, Venetian, Byzantine and Islamic sites and ruins.

We will visit the Palani Monastery, discover its associations with Aphrodite, Goddess of Love and beauty. Here, the Kundalini/Shakti energies were revered, making Knossos the most advanced civilization of the Goddess. We will experience Knossos and the main ceremonial center and palace of King Minos, and visit Gortyn, famous for the "Law Code of Gortyn" a 6th century B.C. tablet of stone built into the wall, and much more. Free day in Crete to explore and shop. Overnight on Crete.

Day 13: Wednesday, October 3rd-- Crete, Athens

Morning transfer from Crete to Athens by plane. Upon arrival in Athens we will depart to experience the vibrational energy at the magnificent Temple of Poseidon, God of the Sea. In power, Poseidon was considered second only to Zeus (Jupiter), the supreme God himself. Situated in Sounion over the ruins of a temple dating from the archaic period. Overnight in Athens with a farewell dinner.

Day 14: Thursday, October 4th-- Athens, and on Home

Today it is time to depart our new friends and the beauty that is Greece for our flight back home from Athens airport. End of tour.

Overview of Costs:

Cost: \$4,300.00 (does not include airfare.)

Single Supplement Rate: \$950 extra.

All hotel accommodations (13 nights).

All entrance fees to sites.

All ground/ferry and domestic air transportation.

Full breakfast, and dinner each day (lunch is on your own).

Non-refundable deposit of \$500.00 is required to hold your space.

Does not include:

International airfare.

Meals not mentioned above.

Extras at hotels.

Mineral water, tea, coffee, after meal beverages, personal expenses (i.e laundry, valet service, telephone calls, postage, etc.).

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