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**Greek Odyssey: A Classical Journey**  
**Summer Study Abroad**  
*May 9 - 28, 2010*



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The University of Nebraska-Lincoln is pleased to offer a three-week study tour of Greece from May 9-28, 2010. *Greek Odyssey*, led by scholars specializing in Greek Archaeology and Classics, promises to be an in-depth introduction to the monuments and culture of Greece from the Age of the Pharaohs through the Romans. "Greek Odyssey" will also visit several of the most important sites of the Byzantine period in Greece in order to gain an awareness of their religious heritage. Late spring is a favorable time of the year to visit the Mediterranean. The days are pleasant and the evenings cool for enjoyable walks in villages, towns, and on sandy beaches. Not every moment will be reserved for archaeology. This program entails walking and climbing and may be somewhat rigorous. Those who enjoy swimming in clear, blue water will find ample opportunities during the tour, and those whose tastes are oriented more towards shopping will discover many fine boutiques and stores that cater to almost every wish.

Greece is a wonderful country, and nowhere else in Europe will you find the same warm hospitality offered by the Greeks. Come join us in May of 2010.

## **Itinerary**

### **Sunday, May 9**

Depart Lincoln or Omaha

### **Monday, May 10**

Arrive Athens early; hotel check-in; afternoon free; We will gather for an evening stroll up Lykabettos for a view of the city. Then we will gather together for a welcome dinner in the Plaka, Athens' oldest and most picturesque district, to be introduced to the delights of Athenian cuisine.

### **Tuesday, May 11**

We begin our day in the Agora and the Kerameikos for an introduction to Athenian art and architecture and the early city history, and explore the civic heart of the ancient city. In the evening we board a ferry for an overnight trip to the island of Crete.

### **Wednesday, May 12**

Crete - Here we will explore the sites and palaces of the great Bronze Age civilization of the Minoans. First we will visit Knossos, the palace of mythological King Minos, and the museum of Heraklion with its collection of Minoan art. Later, you can enjoy swimming at Kalo Chorio. In the late

afternoon we will travel to the picturesque town of Agios Nikolaos.

### **Thursday, May 13**

We will bus to the Messara Plain and visit the Dicteion Cave where according to myth, the god Zeus was born. We then travel to Phaistos, another major Minoan palace site. Afterwards, it's on to the Venetian seaside town of Chania.

### **Friday, May 14**

The morning is free for personal exploration. After an afternoon visit to the British Cemetery we will take an evening flight to Athens.

### **Saturday, May 15**

Today we return to the Agora for further exploration, followed by a visit after lunch to the National Archaeological Museum.



### **Sunday, May 16**

We depart Athens for the journey to the Peloponnesos. First, we will stop at the monastery of Daphni to view some of the finest preserved mosaics from the Byzantine era. Next, we will explore the nearby site of Eleusis where the secret Mysteries sacred to the goddess Demeter occurred. After crossing the Corinth canal we will visit the ancient city of Corinth and then the sanctuary of Zeus at Nemea. Our base in the Argolid will be the seaside resort of Nauplion, modern Greece's first capital.

### **Monday, May 17**

Argolid - We will first visit the citadel of Mycenae, the major site of the Mycenaean civilization. Later we travel to the other great Mycenaean citadel, Tiryns, and then on to the Sanctuary of Asklepios at Epidauros and its famous reconstructed theater. We return to Nauplion for the evening.

### **Tuesday, May 18**

Peloponnesse - Departing from Nauplion we will cross the mountains of Arcadia, visit the Byzantine city of Mistra near Sparta and arrive at the sandy shores of Mycenaean Pylos. A late afternoon swimming expedition may be arranged.

### **Wednesday, May 19**

Pylos site and museum. From there we travel to Olympia to visit the Sanctuary of Zeus and the home of the ancient Olympic Games.

### **Thursday, May 20**

Olympia site and museum. After leaving Olympia we cross the Gulf of Corinth to Delphi, arriving in the early evening.

### **Friday, May 21**

Delphi - the magnificent site of the sanctuary of Apollo. Here, on the slopes of Mt. Parnassos, was located Greece's most renowned oracular shrine.

### **Saturday, May 22**

On the return trip to Athens, we will stop at the Byzantine monastery of Osios Leukas and the Mt. Pendele quarries.

### **Sunday, May 23**

Today we visit two of the more interesting museums in Athens, the Benaki and Goulandris Museums.

### **Monday, May 24**

Athens - Today's itinerary focuses on the center of Athenian art and religion, the Akropolis. Here we will explore the great monuments of the Parthenon, Erechtheion, Propylaia, and the Temple of Athena Nike. In addition we will visit the Theater of Dionysos, the Temple of Zeus Olympios, and the new Akropolis Museum.

### **Tuesday, May 25**

On this day trip to Attica we visit the ancient mines at Thorikos, followed by lunch and swim at the beach of Marathon. The day ends with a visit to the Temple of Poseidon at Sounion.

### **Wednesday, May 26**

Aigina - (optional) A quick ferry trip from Athens' harbor of Piraeus takes us to the island of Aigina and the site of the 6th century B.C. Temple of Aphaia. There will be ample time for swimming and shopping in Aigina village.

### **Thursday, May 27**

Final Exam in the morning. After a free afternoon, we will spend our last evening in Greece in a Plaka taverna for our farewell dinner.

### **Friday, May 28**

Return to U.S.A.

### **Faculty Leader**

Professor Michael Hoff teaches Classical Art and Archaeology at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln where he is an Associate Professor in the Department of Art & Art History. Prof. Hoff has spent considerable time in Greece over the last 20 years doing archaeological research, particularly on the Roman period of Athens. Prof. Hoff is currently involved in a survey of Greek and Roman sites in southern Turkey.

There will be a graduate student assisting the course who is a current resident in Athens, doing research at the American School of Classical Studies.

### **Earn UNL Credits**

Art History 311 or 492/892: Prerequisite is permission of the instructor. Participate in orientation meetings and field trips to archaeological sites and museums. Students will prepare in advance a short report to be given on site. Reports will be assigned by the instructor. There will be a short final exam covering sites visited and material culture. Graduate credit will be granted to those who in addition complete a short research paper after their return on a topic related to the course.

### **eNRoll**

eNRoll during the Summer Sessions registration period in March. You can obtain the call number for this course from the academic department sponsor. Non-UNL students must be admitted to UNL. An on-line visiting student application is available at graduate and undergraduate levels, [www.admissions.unl.edu](http://www.admissions.unl.edu) (undergraduate) or [www.unl.edu/gradstudies](http://www.unl.edu/gradstudies).

### **Scholarships and Financial Aid**

Students enrolled in a UNL World Campus summer study abroad program may be eligible for federal student financial aid, including student loans. Students interested in applying for aid must complete the FAFSA and a study abroad worksheet available from the Financial Aid Office. Contact a Study

Abroad Financial Aid Advisor at Scholarships & Financial Aid, 17 Canfield, 472-2030 for information on applying and finding out if you can use your current scholarship for study abroad. Summer financial aid applications are available online on WAM starting March 1.



For study abroad scholarship information contact International Affairs, 472-5358.

### **Fees Include:**

- Round-trip airfare from Lincoln/Omaha to Athens
- Hotel accommodations with breakfast daily
- Welcome and farewell dinners
- Airport transfers in Greece
- Domestic transportation by bus, ferry, train, and air
- Entry into most sites and museums
- Travel insurance

The early estimated price is \$4,150-4,350 plus UNL tuition and fees (based on a minimum of 20 participants). Costs are current (9/09) and subject to change.

Tuition and fees for Art History 311 or 492/892 will be billed separately by UNL student accounts and will be due approximately May 12.

Withdrawal after January 31 is subject to a \$150 cancellation fee plus irrecoverable costs. Cancellations must be made in writing to International Affairs.

### **How to Apply**

Reservations will be secured on a first-come, first-serve basis. Reservation deadline is January 31. To insure your space in this limited-size study abroad program complete the application (form A) available on the International Affairs website [www.unl.edu/iaffairs](http://www.unl.edu/iaffairs). Return the application to International Affairs. Upon receiving your application we will send you further information about the trip, course requirements and other information. Applications received after the deadline will be considered if space is available.

### **At a Glance...**

#### ■ **Location:**

Athens, Crete, Agios Nikolaos, Chania, Corinth, Nemea, Nauplion, Myceane, Tiryns, Olympia, Delphi, Attica, Aigina and others

#### ■ **Program Length:**

Three weeks

#### ■ **Program Dates:**

May 9 – May 28, 2010

#### ■ **Credits:**

Art history 311 or 492/892

#### ■ **Cost:**

Estimated price is \$4,150-4,350 plus tuition & fees (approx is \$650 for 3 credits, resident, undergraduate)

#### ■ **Payment Schedule**

January 31 – \$750 deposit

March 1 – Balance of costs

#### ■ **Application Deadlines:**

January 31 – reservation deadline with deposit

#### ■ **Contact:**

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### 15 Great Reasons to Join this Study Abroad Program



1. Experience the art of another culture and time
2. Get a new perspective on “ways of seeing”
3. See for yourself the great art treasures of the world
4. Be inspired by the landscapes, the history and the people
5. Learn why Athens is a world city
6. Travel during the less busy, less expensive travel season
7. Feel the spaces and form of Greek architecture
8. Travel with someone who knows the art of travel
9. Take advantage of prepaid small group arrangements that allow plenty of time for personal exploration
10. Combine the pleasures of learning and travel
11. Enhance your international education with a deeper appreciation of the world and its diversity
12. Explore the origins of Western civilization
13. Travel with a purpose
14. Experience the Greek culture and...
- 15. Because you've always wanted to.**

#### **For More Information:**

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