



Greece Agriculture, Engineering & Cultural Tour

May 31 - June 8, 2026

(Saturday, May 30) - Depart the U.S. for your overnight flight to Greece. *There are no direct flights to Thessaloniki from the U.S.* When booking your international airfare, use the airport code SKG (Thessaloniki). Most flights to Thessaloniki will go through larger European airports such as Amsterdam, Munich, Frankfurt, etc. **Please schedule your arrival in Thessaloniki by 5:00 pm local time the following day.**

Day 1 (Sunday, May 31) - Arrival in the afternoon, (one airport transfer will be offered in the afternoon) and head to your Thessaloniki hotel for the welcome dinner!

(Overnight Thessaloniki)

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Day 2 (Monday, June 1) - In the morning, travel just outside of Thessaloniki to visit the American Farm School in the morning followed by lunch. This school's focus is hands-on learning in the fields of agriculture and life sciences. Enjoy a tour to learn all about this top notch facility. You will also enjoy an olive tasting experience. Following lunch, travel into the center of Thessaloniki to visit the public agency metro mining division and/or Aristotle University Engineering faculty. The metro, after 22 years of planning, was opened last year. As excavation started in 2006 beneath Thessaloniki's streets, they uncovered a Byzantine-era market, a Roman cemetery, and countless other relics from over 2,000 years ago. Engineers and archaeologists had to work together to make this a subway and a museum. Finish the day with a guided city tour of Thessaloniki. This port city is considered to be the 'cultural capital' of Greece. You will see famous sites such as the White Tower, Galerius Arch and the Old Town. Free evening in Thessaloniki for dinner!

(Overnight Thessaloniki)

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Day 3 (Tuesday, June 2) - Depart for Veria to see kiwi fruit production and harvest. Learn about why this northern area of Greece can produce high volumes of this delicious fruit. In the last two decades, Greece has been the 5th largest kiwi producer in the world. Next, travel to a winery for a farm to table style lunch followed by a wine tour and tasting. Continue to Metsovo traveling through amazing scenery high in the mountains with interconnecting bridges and tunnels. Make a stop enroute for a discussion with engineers about how they modernized the mountain road network prior to the 2004 Olympic Games. Arrival in Metsovo to a traditional village located in the Pindus Mountains that is famous for its colorful textiles, wood carving and is also home of the Cabernet Sauvignon grape.

(Overnight Metsovo)

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Day 4 (Wednesday, June 3) - Enjoy some free time in the morning in Metsovo before traveling to Meteora (a UNESCO World Heritage site) and visit the Byzantine monasteries that rest high on rocky mountain cliffs. Some of these gigantic rocks reach heights to more than 600 meters. Next, take some free time in Meteora for some shopping and lunch on your own at one of the many local eateries. Continue to Delphi to check into your hotel.

(Overnight Delphi)

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Day 5 (Thursday, June 4) - In the morning, the group will explore a bauxite mine for a tour of their operations. Its construction began in 1998 and its features combine both originality and new innovation. Travel back to Delphi to have lunch at a honey producer's farm followed by a tour. This farm is committed to sustainable and eco friendly farming agriculture. *Also visit an olive packing facility nearby (pending biosecurity access).* In the afternoon, see the beautiful views from the Delphi ruins while on a guided tour. This sacred site was once considered the 'center of the world'. Free night and dinner on your own this evening.

(Overnight Delphi)

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Day 6 (Friday, June 5) - In the morning, check out and travel to Nafplio in Peloponnesse. Stop at the famous Corinth Canal where the group will get an insight to the construction and engineering. Completed in 1893, it revitalized maritime traffic and eliminated having to sail around the peninsula. Continue to an orange farm for a tour followed by a cooking class for lunch. Continue to Nafplio/Tolo area to check into your hotel. Free time to explore the winding streets that are lined with local shops and traditional food. You also have the option to go for a walk along the waterside, go for a hike, a boat cruise or bus to the Fortress of Palamidi overlooking the town.

(Overnight Nafplio area)

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Day 7 (Saturday, June 6) - After breakfast at the hotel, the group will split into two.

Ag Alumni:

Visit a traditional goat farm in the area with over 200+ goats. This multigenerational family farm migrates seasonally to another home in a different village to graze goats at higher elevations in the summer. Also, experience a cheese tasting to sample some of their delicious products.

Engineering Alumni:

Take a guided tour of Nafplio. Nafplio had a governor in the late 1820s (Ioannis Kapodistrias) who was known as the founder of modern Greece engineering in which he oversaw the construction and maintenance of fortifications, bridges, and other public works.

The group will meet back and have lunch on their own in Nafplio or at the farmers market before traveling to Athens. Upon arrival in Athens, check into your hotel before dinner on your own at one of the many local restaurants in the *Plaka*. The Plaka is a popular neighborhood lined with cobblestone streets and is also filled with many unique shops of ceramics, clothes and jewelry.

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(Overnight Athens)

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Day 8 (Sunday, June 7) - In the morning after breakfast at the hotel, take a panorama city tour to see famous sites such as the Parliament building, Panathenaic Stadium, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Constitution Square and finish with a tour of the iconic Acropolis. Following the tour, free for the rest of the day to explore Athens. Farewell dinner and dance show this evening. *Opa!*

(Overnight Athens)

(B,D)

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Day 9 (Monday, June 8) - Morning departure by bus to the Athens airport and your return flight back to the US, arriving on the same day.

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Payment Schedule:

Registration deadline - October 15, 2025

\$500 non refundable deposit - November 1, 2025

Final payment due - January 31, 2026

Estimated pricing based on double occupancy, per person

20	\$3,350
25+	\$3,150

***Single Room Supplement - \$775**

Included:

Accommodations

Bus Transportation (does not include bottled water)

Bilingual Guide

Tours/Technical Visits

Entrance fees that are included are noted in the above itinerary

Meals as indicated on the itinerary (includes water only, no soft drinks)

B= Breakfast

L= Lunch

D= Dinner

Not Included:

International Airfare

Gratuities for guide and driver

Cost of valid U.S. passport or other documents necessary for international travel.

Alcoholic beverages

Soft drinks

Travel insurance coverage (highly recommended)

Airline seat upgrades

Excess baggage fees

Souvenirs

Leisure activities on free days

Hotel charges for incidentals, including telephone calls, pay per view movies, mini bars, and snack trays, personal laundry, room service, and hotel penalties for smoking in hotel rooms.

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