



Webster
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**The 11th Annual
Journey to Greece 2016 Summer Program**

June 23 - July 23, 2016

Summer of 2016, study at a fully accredited US University in Greece; learn about modern and ancient Greece. See and experience the beauty of the country and its people and earn transferable University credits

Building on the solid foundation of the highly successful Journey to Greece programs that have been offered in every year since 2006, AHEPA and Webster University are once again offering an unforgettable learning experience for new and returning college age students. The **Journey to Greece** program, which is **sponsored by AHEPA**, has been specially designed to immerse young students in a wonderful learning experience celebrating Greek society and culture. **New courses, exciting excursions and special arrangements make the Journey especially attractive to returning students.** AHEPA adult advisors will help supervise the students while they attend the program.

About Webster University

History

Webster University, founded in 1915 with its home campus based in St. Louis, Missouri, USA, is the only Tier 1, private, nonprofit university with campus locations around the world including metropolitan, military, online and corporate, as well as American-style traditional campuses in North America, Europe and Asia. With over 160,000 Alumni and 22,000 students from 50 States and 148 Countries Webster is defining global education for the future. Small, highly interactive classes encourage innovation, collaboration, and self-expression. Students have all the advantages of a student-centered university that supports personalized learning and gives every student an opportunity to excel.

Accreditation

The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Schools and Colleges (NCASC) accredits Webster University.

Further, prestigious accreditation bodies in their respective fields accredit the various schools/departments of the University.



(The Webster University Cultural Center in Plaka)

The AHEPA/Webster University Journey to Greece 2016 Program

The Order of AHEPA has produced this program with Webster University.

The Journey to Greece will run in 2016:

- **June 23 - July 23**
- **Flights should depart from the US June 23 to arrive in Athens June 24**

Students arriving between 9:00am and 2:30pm will be met at the Athens airport and transported by private coach to the Athens Campus. Regular detailed information will be sent to all students and parents after students have been accepted into the Journey to Greece program. All applications will be processed by AHEPA Headquarters, 1909 Q Street, NW, Suite 500, Washington DC 20009. Additional information will be posted at the AHEPA website: www.ahepa.org/journey/. All questions regarding the program should be sent to: journey@ahepa.org or mazarakist@webster.edu

Students attending the program will be housed in shared rooms in specially selected, university apartments and/or a 3 or 4 - star Hotel, if the University apartments are not available, in very close proximity to the University in the Plaka area of Athens. Apartment housing will include kitchen facilities, air conditioned or fan equipped rooms, laundry facilities and Internet. If University housing is not available and a Hotel is used breakfast will be included.

Courses, Transcripts and Transfer Credits

With its extraordinary artistic, intellectual and cultural heritage, Athens is richly endowed with resources for formal study and experiential learning. The museums at the Acropolis and the ancient Agora, as well as the National Archaeological Museum, the new Acropolis Museum, the Cycladic Museum, and the Benaki collections are within minutes of the facilities of Webster University in Athens.

Arriving in Athens all students will undergo a full day orientation by the University and a tour of the surrounding area to familiarize students with both University procedures and living in Athens. The orientation and welcome reception will help students get to know their environment and welcome them to Athens. All students will attend classes each day from Monday to Friday. Special arrangements will be made for students to make several very meaningful visits and excursions during their stay!

Students must have their local school address and counselor's contact information to be sure that their transcripts are sent to the proper place. It is strongly recommended that all students show the syllabus of the courses they select to their academic advisor to be sure that their University approves the credits. Transcripts are sent from the home campus directly their school.

All classes offered will not only provide an unforgettable learning experience but will also provide students with 3 transferable University credits per course. Academic credit is transferred to a student's home institution by an official transcript issued by Webster University. Students will be able to earn up to 6 transferable university credits.

Courses will incorporate visits to the archaeological sites and museums. Students will also benefit from use of the University Library, Computer lab, including Internet access, and the magnificent Webster University Cultural Center located at the Roman Agora in the midst of the ancient ruins of Athens.

The University will arrange meetings with dignitaries in Athens and invite speakers to further enhance the learning experience throughout their stay.

Important Notes:

- *Students will sign-up for classes on a first come first serve basis and classes will close when maximum numbers are reached.*
- *All students must provide evidence of good academic standing (official transcript or official letter) will normally be required for University students for high school applicants (exceptions may be granted only at the University's discretion).*
- *High School graduates must provide a High School transcript and a letter from their Principal stating that they are capable of handling University level work or apply to Webster University for undergraduate admission.*
- *Students are advised to present course descriptions to their Universities for approval to be sure course credits will count towards their degrees.*



1. Courses

Students take up to two 3cr courses from:

- Community - Learning & Service
- Civic Engagement & Community Leadership
- Community Project
- Elementary Modern Greek
- Modern Greek Society & Culture
- Greek Art & Archaeology
- Greek Mythology & Religion





1. Four Day Land Excursion to Sterea Ellada, Thessaly & Macedonia:

Day One:

Depart for Kalambaka, a small Town situated at the foot of the Meteora complex. Visit Meteora - among striking scenery, perched on top of huge rocks which seem to be suspended in mid-air, stand ageless Monasteries, where you can see exquisite Specimens of Byzantine Art. Dinner and overnight stay is in Kalambaka.

Day Two:

Depart from Kalambaka, drive through the plain of Thessaly and the valley of Tempi, arrive and visit the Archaeological Site of Dion. Admire also the gigantic figure of Mount Olympus, the highest mountain in Greece and home of the 12 Gods of Mythology. After the visit, depart for Thessaloniki, the city that throughout the era of the Byzantine Empire was the "co-reigning" city, second in population and prestige only to Constantinople. Visit unique monuments and feel the glorious Byzantine past in some of the oldest and most characteristic churches of the Christian world as well as in the museum of Byzantine Culture, awarded with the Council of Europe's Museum Prize for the year 2005. The rest of the day is at leisure, to enjoy time in the lively center of the city. Dinner and overnight in Thessaloniki.

Day Three:

Depart in the morning for a unique approach to historical Macedonia. First stop at Veria (Biblical Beroea) to visit Saint Paul's Vema, and then stroll through the old Jewish neighborhood and the colorful market area. A walk in the city where past is present and around. Then proceed to Naoussa, to a site of exceptional beauty and importance: Aristotle's School, the impressive scenery where the great philosopher taught the doctrines of morals and politics to Alexander and the Macedonian youths. Only a few miles away are picturesque Edessa, where we see the town's famous landmark, the waterfalls. Then, proceed to Pella, the capital of Alexander the Great. See the exquisite floor mosaics of the 4th century B.C villas in situ as well as the local museum. Return to Thessaloniki for dinner and overnight.

Day Four:

Drive to Vergina, to live the experience of a visit to the unique museum created in the Great Tumulus covering the royal tombs of Macedonia. See the astonishing findings from the tomb of King Phillip II, Alexander's father, and feel the thrill of one of the greatest discoveries of the 20th century. After the visit we will start

driving south through Thessaly, Lamia, Thermopylae (see the Leonida's monument) and Thebes. Arrive in Athens late in the afternoon.

2. One-Day 3 Island Cruise: Hydra - Poros – Aegina:

The cruise takes you to three magnificent Saronic Gulf islands: Hydra, Poro and Aegina. On Poros and Aegina you will find unique features such as the mansions of the great captains and admirals from the last century with their own characteristic architecture, the churches in the neighborhoods, built after the Byzantine Empire and the horses and buggies to take you around the island. On Hydra the buildings are in traditional style; decorated with wooden painted ceilings, marble fountains and furniture that take you far into the past.

Hydra: Known for its extraordinary light that made it popular to foreign artists who settled with their canvasses on its wharf and never returned home ever since! There are no vehicles to disrupt the island's serene elegance -- but the visitor can walk the island, or ride a mule to its fishing ports and natural lookouts - Famous for its night life. Fifteen mansions built of local stone in the 19th century by captains and admirals still survive today, as well as churches and decorated buildings with wooden painted ceilings, marble fountains and furniture that take you into the past.

Poros: The Island of "The Sleeping Lady" -- a mountain range in the background in the shape of a reclining woman. Poros is actually two islands joined and linked to Peloponnese by a causeway. Vibrant with artistic and commercial life and known for its fragrant nature, especially its Lemon Grove -- on the side of Peloponnese. The Temple of Poseidon and a Monastery adorn its hills. The 19th c. houses climb to the apex of the island - its Clock. You can climb up there, too!

Aegina: The largest of the three. Rich in mythology and history - the political rival of Athens in antiquity. A commuter island today, serving many Athenians who work in the mainland. The outstanding landmark on the island is the Temple of Aphaia, one of the best preserved Doric temples in Greece, first built in 570 BCE on a site that was used for worship since the 13th c. BCE. The Monastery of St. Nektarios is another worth seeing landmark of the island. Horse-drawn carriages or rental bikes are at the disposal of the visitor. The art of pottery still predominates since antiquity, and the island is proud of its pistachios, the best in the world.

3. Cape Sounion:

Drive along the Attica coastal road and after passing Glyfada, Vouliagmeni and Varkiza we will visit to the most southern point of Attica Cape Sounion and the Temple of Poseidon. On the way, you will enjoy the splendid view of the Saronic Gulf and the little islands offshore.



We may plan many other activities such as those that, took place in, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014:



(AHEPA Journey to Greece Participants at the Hellenic Parliament)

- Embassy visit
- Archdiocese Visit
- Welcome Reception
- AHEPA Local Chapter Events
- Pool Party
- Acropolis Visit
- Acropolis Museum Visit
- Benaki Museum Visit
- Archaeological Museum Visit
- Visit to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Visit to the Greek Parliament
- Farewell Reception

The Program fee includes:

- ✓ Tuition [up to 6 credits]
- ✓ Transcripts
- ✓ Accommodations
- ✓ Access to the Library and Computer Facilities
- ✓ Group excursion, travel costs & lodging while in Greece
- ✓ Orientation
- ✓ Airport Transfers for Arrivals & Departures [9:30am - 2:30pm]
- ✓ Breakfast and Dinner on Excursions
- ✓ Lunch during 3 Island Cruise

COST PER PERSON FOR BOOKINGS BEFORE March 10, 2016

Summary of Program Costs

Bookings before March 10, 2016 \$4,145.00

3star Hotel Option [1 per room]: add to total \$850

3star Hotel Option [2 per room]: add to total \$480

Payment Terms

- \$995 deposit is required by March 10, 2016
- Final payment of the balance by April 25, 2016
- A \$150 payment surcharge will be applied to all bookings made after March 30, 2016.
- All payments are made to "AHEPA Journey to Greece." Checks and credit cards are accepted. Payments are made to: AHEPA Journey to Greece, 1909 Q Street, NW, Suite 500 Washington DC 20009.

N.B. Refundable Housing Deposits of \$150 per student are required from each student and will be payable in Athens. This can be presented in the form of personal checks which will not be cashed unless a penalty is warranted.

Refund policy

- Cancellations before April 15, 2016 will receive a refund of 100% of the amount paid less the AHEPA \$ 150 Administration fee and the \$ 995 deposit*
- Cancellations after April 15, 2016 will receive a refund of 50% of the amount paid less the AHEPA \$ 150 Administration fee and the \$ 995 deposit*
- Cancellations after May 5, 2016 will receive no refund

*Less any transfer or bank charges incurred.

****Important Notes****

It is mandatory for all participants to purchase travel insurance to cover any cancellations.

Insurance is not included. All students are required to have a travel insurance package to include cancellation insurance, health, baggage etc.

JTG 2016 --- Program Schedule

Jun	R	23		Depart USA
	F	24	Orientation	Arrive Athens
	S	25	Free Time	Athens
	N	26	Free Time	Athens
	M	27	Classes	Athens
	T	28	Classes	Athens
	W	29	Trip to Cape Sounion	Athens
	R	30	Classes	Athens
July	F	1	Classes	Athens
	S	2	AHEPA Local Chapter Event	Athens
	N	3	Acropolis Visit	Athens
	M	4	Classes	Athens
	T	5	Classes	Athens
	W	6	Classes	Athens
	R	7	Classes	Athens
	F	8	Classes	Athens
	S	9	3 Island Cruise	Athens
	N	10	Free Time	Athens
	M	11	Classes	Athens
	T	12	4 Day Excursion	Kalambaka
	W	13	4 Day Excursion	Thesaloniki
	R	14	4 Day Excursion	Thesaloniki
	F	15	4 Day Excursion	Athens
	S	16	AHEPA Local Chapter Event	Athens
	N	17	Free Time	Athens
	M	18	Classes	Athens
	T	19	Classes	Athens
	W	20	Classes	Athens
	R	21	Classes	Athens
	F	22	Classes	Athens
	S	23		Depart Greece

- Webster University reserves the right to move the excursions +/- a week