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## CORNELL COLLEGE ITINERARY FOR CRETE, PELOPONNESE & DELPHI Itinerary I - Valid for MAY 2011

### SATURDAY, MAY 7: Athens arrival

Arrive in Athens International Airport with. Transfer from the airport by private bus and assistance to your hotel in Athens. Walk around Acropolis and Plaka area. **Welcome dinner.** Overnight at hotel Philippos or similar in Athens. **(D)**

### SUNDAY, MAY 8: Athens – Crete (Chania)

Morning visit of the **Acropolis and the new Acropolis Museum** on your own. Afternoon visit of **Ancient Agora** and **Keramikos**. Depart from the hotel by bus at 7:00pm towards the port of Piraeus. ANEK LINES ferry boat departs at 9:00pm. Overnight on board in 4-berth cabins. **(B)**

### MONDAY, MAY 9: Chania

Early morning arrival in **Chania**. Meet your bus driver. Breakfast on the way to **Samaria Gorge** for a hiking trip (*entrance fee included- hiking shoes, water and snacks are needed*). After 5-6 hours of hiking, arrive to the sea village of **Agia Roumeli**. Take the boat from Agia Roumeli to **Sfakia** (approx. cost €6,50), where your bus driver will be waiting for you to transfer you to **Chania**. Overnight at hotel Porto Veneziano **(B)**

### TUESDAY, MAY 10: Heraklion

Visit on your own **Chania**; visit the old town, the port and Agora. Visit the small Archeological Museum. Taste the local specialty "bougatsa" and then meet your bus driver to drive towards **Rethymon**. Possibility for a stop to visit the old town, **the Fortezza (castle)**. Afterwards visit the **tombs at Armeni**, (might close at 3 pm ) and **the monastery at Arkadi ( closes at 7 pm )**, as well as **Eleftherna**, ( might close at 3 pm ). Continue towards Heraklion . Overnight at hotel Marin Dream ,Heraklion. **(B)**

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 11: Heraklion

Morning visit of the **Heraklion Archeological Museum** (*only one room currently open with most of the exhibits in display*). Departure by private bus to visit **Phaistos, Agia Triada, Gortyna, Kommo or Matala**. Return to Heraklion for overnight. (Recommended restaurant in Heraklion "Ta Ladadika" tel.: 2810 34 6135 – address: 5 Tsikitzi - Evans Street - after the local modern Agora to the left). Overnight at hotel Marin Dream ,Heraklion. **(B)**

### THURSDAY, MAY 12: Heraklion

Morning departure by private bus for **Lassithi (Diktean Andron)**, possibly **Gournia** (visit) and **Agios Nikolaos**. Visit the Doric city of **Lato** (open 8am-3pm), built on cliffs overlooking Agios Nikolaos. Possibility of visiting the Greek Church in **Kritsa**, famous for its mosaics, on the way. Return to Heraklion for overnight at hotel Marin Dream **(B)**

### FRIDAY, MAY 13: Crete – Athens

Morning departure by bus to visit **Knossos**. Continue to village **Archanes** and **Vathypetro** and if possible, peak sanctuary of Mt. Juktas on foot. Return to Heraklion in the afternoon. Transfer to the port at 7:30pm for ANEK LINES ferry boat to Piraeus departing at 9:00pm. Overnight on board in 4-berth cabins. **(B)**

### SATURDAY, MAY 14: Athens – Nauplion

Early morning arrival at Piraeus port. Meet your bus driver. Breakfast on the way to **Corinth**. Drive towards the Corinth Canal (possibility to visit Eleusis on the way) then visit **Isthmia** and **Ancient Corinth** and perhaps **Acrocorinth** as well (sites close by 3pm). Continue drive to Nauplion. Overnight at hotel Park ,Nauplion. **(B)**

**SUNDAY, MAY 15: Nafplion**

Day at leisure. Suggestion to visit **Palamidi** castle on the top of the hill in Nauplion or visit the **Folklore Museum** or the newly reopened **Arch. Museum** or enjoy beach time at the nearby beach beneath Palamidi. Overnight at hotel Park ,Nafplion. **(B)**

**MONDAY, MAY 16: Mycenae – Epidaurus**

Morning departure by private bus to visit the ancient theatre of **Epidaurus**. Then continue to **Mycenae** to visit the site and the museum. Return to Nauplion for overnight at hotel Park . **(B)**

**TUESDAY, MAY 17: Nauplion – Sparta**

Morning departure by private bus to visit the site at **Tiryns and Tegea**, continue towards **Sparta**. Continue visit of the Byzantine site of **Mystra** (open until 7:30pm). (suggestion: *Visit the Olive Oil Museum in Sparta Dinner* and overnight at **HOTEL MENELAION** ,Sparta. **(B, D)**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 18: Sparta – Olympia**

Morning departure to visit **Sparta Museum, Menelaion** and then continue to **Bassae**. Afternoon arrival in Olympia. **Dinner** and overnight at hotel Europa or similar in Olympia. **(B, D)**

**THURSDAY, MAY 19: Olympia – Delphi**

Morning departure to visit **Olympia site and Museums**. Then pass by Rion/Antirion newly constructed bridge to reach **Nafpaktos / Battle of Lepanto**, to reach **Delphi**. Afternoon arrival in Delphi. (Suggested restaurant for dinner "*Bacchus*"). Overnight at hotel Likoria in Arachova . **(B)**

**FRIDAY, MAY 20: Delphi**

Morning visit of **Delphi museum and site**, sanctuary of Apollon. Free exploration time in Arachova. (Suggestion for dinner "*Kaplanis*" tel. 22670 31891, taste "*formaella*" cheese and lamp chops). Overnight at hotel Likoria in Arachova . **(B)**

**SATURDAY, MAY 21: Delphi – Athens**

Morning departure to visit **Osios Lukas, Platees**. Return to Athens for overnight at hotel Philippos .**(B)**

**SUNDAY, MAY 22: Athens**

Morning departure to visit **Thorikos**, in Lavrion and **St. Paul Nunnery** (unique Greek orthodox monastery). Then continue visit of **Cape Sounion, Temple of Poseidon**. Overnight in Athens at hotel Philippos **(B)**

**MONDAY, MAY 23: Athens**

Optional visit to the National Archaeological Museum or the New Acropolis Musuem. **Farewell dinner**. overnight at hotel Philippos **(B, D)**

**TUESDAY, MAY 24: Athens – Iowa, USA**

Morning transfer to the airport for flight to USA.

**Estimated Rates:**

**\$2,199.00 \* per person** for min. 20 students + 1 faculty free in single

**\$2,401.00 \* per person** for min. 15 students + 1 faculty free in single

*\*The rates are based on the exchange rate of **€1 = \$1.37** and are subject to change in case of a further increase or decreases of the Euro to the US Dollar at the time of **final payment**.*

**CANCELLATION CONDITIONS:**

Cancellation from March 10<sup>th</sup> – March 25<sup>th</sup> cancellation fee of \$450 per person is forfeited

Cancellation from March 25<sup>th</sup> – April 25<sup>th</sup> a 50% cancellation fee applies

Cancellation from April 25<sup>th</sup> until day of arrival, 100% cancellation fee applies (no refund)

**All cancellations must be made in writing to ETC and are effective the date of the receipt by ETC**

**Includes:**

- **Accommodation** in superior tourist class and first class hotels, in Athens, Chania, Heraklion, Delphi or Arachova, Nauplion based on double and triple occupancy - all rooms with private facilities, in central location for a total of fifteen (15) overnight.
- **Daily breakfast**
- **Two (2) dinners** in selected restaurants or hotel in Athens (welcome & farewell)
- **Two (2) dinners** in hotels or in traditional restaurants in mainland
- **Transportation** by private comfortable motor coach and professional driver in Athens, main land and Crete as per itinerary
- **Private bus transfers** from/to Athens airports and Piraeus port
- **Ferry tickets (overnight 4berth cabins)** to/from Crete in cabins with private facilities
- **Samaria Gorge** admission fee
- **Cell phone for your free usage while in Greece** (with start up minutes)
- **Assistance** through out our reps in Athens and Islands

**Not Included:**

- **Admission fees** (approx. €60 p.p.)-except Samaria Gorge
- **Airline Tickets** to/from US
- **Boat ticket from Ag. Roumeli to Sfakia**
- **Tips** for guides and bus drivers (**suggested**: \$ 5 per day per student for each)
- **Any extra** meals, portages or other services not mentioned

**For entrance fees, you are entitled to 50% discount on state sites and museums with valid student ID card**

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**NOTE:** As of March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008, ETC will provide personal assistance from hotel to the airport during bus transfer arrangements for flights departing only for the following time period (8:00am - 12:00am).

January 25, 2011

Dimitri and Thalia Cocconi

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