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Itinerary for Greek Archaeology/Geology trip 2007 **Cornell College, Mount Vernon, Iowa, USA** **Updated: April 26th, 2007**

FRIDAY, MAY 11: Depart Mount Vernon, Iowa, USA

7:30 a.m. board Bradley Jo Charter in the Sports Center parking lot
8:00 a.m. depart Mount Vernon for O'Hare Airport
2:10 p.m. Flight 435 Chicago/Munich 2:10P-5:55A

SATURDAY, MAY 12: Iowa - Athens

Depart Munich 7:15 am and arrive in Athens Eleutherios Venizelos Airport with LH flight 3388 at 10:40am. Pick up from the airport by private bus and assistance to your Hotel Astor. Lunch suggestion at Taverna Plaka (with various selections of Greek food and appetizers- we can arrange a menu if you wish with an appetizer, main course and dessert for 11Euro per person). Then continue towards the entrance of the Acropolis (Entrance: you may enter also from Theatre of Dionysus gate)
PM – Acropolis **Booked hotel ASTOR** near Syntagma Square . **Welcome dinner** at Taverna Vitro near Plaka.

SUNDAY, MAY 13: Athens – Crete (Chania)

AM – Agora
PM – Kerameikos; Depart from the hotel by bus at 700pm (and assistance) towards the port of Pireaus. Ferry boat departs at 900pm (Anek Lines). Overnight on board in 4-berth cabins.

MONDAY, MAY 14: Arrival Chania, Crete

AM – Arrival 6 am in Chania. Meet your bus driver and rep Mr. Nikos Fragioudakis (cell phone: 6946333576). Breakfast on the way to **Samaria Gorge** for a hiking trip. Entrance fee (paid by ETC). After a 5-6 hours of hiking, arrive to the sea village of Agia Roumeli. Boat Agia Roumeli-Sfakia (not included. appr 6.50 euros), where your bus driver will be waiting for you to transfer you to Chania. Overnight in the **hotel KRITI**.

TUESDAY, MAY 15: Crete Hotel ATRION, Heraklion

Morning departure by private bus to at **830am** to visit **Chania**, the old town, the small **Archeological Museum**, try the local "bougatsa" and then drive towards **Rethymon**. Possibility for a stop to visit the old town, the Fortezza (castle) and continue towards Heraklion, passing through **Mount Ida, to visit Ideon Andron** (close to Anogia). Overnight in Heraklion.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 16: Crete

Morning departure by private bus at **830am** to visit **Phaistos, Agia Triada, Gortyn, Kommos** (OR Matala). Return to Heraklion for overnight.

THURSDAY, MAY 17: Crete

Morning departure by private bus at **830am** for **Lassithi 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.

FRIDAY, MAY 18: Crete – Athens

Morning departure by bus to visit **Knossos**. The Heraklion Museum is **closed for renovations**. Continue visit of the village **Archanes and Vathypetro and peak sanctuary of Mt. Juktas**. Return to Heraklion in the afternoon. Departure at 900pm ferry right to Athens.

SATURDAY, May 19: Athens – Nauplia

Arrival early morning in Athens (600am). Meet your bus driver outside the boat (*Name and cell phone will be provided.*) Breakfast on your own on the way to Corinth. Continue 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 Victoria in the old town**.

SUNDAY, MAY 20: Nauplia

Day at leisure. Possibility to visit Palamidi castle on the top of the hill in Nauplion or visit the Folklore Museum or take the boat for 3-min ride to Bourtzi island or enjoy beach time at the nearby beach beneath Palamidi. Overnight in Nauplion.

MONDAY, MAY 21: Mycenae- Epidaurus

Morning departure by private bus at **830am** to visit the ancient theatre of **Epidaurus**. Then continue to **Mycenae (Museum opens at 12:30pm on Monday, site at 800am)**. Return to Nauplion for overnight.

TUESDAY, MAY 22: Nauplia – Sparta

Morning departure by private bus at **830am** to visit **Tiryns**, the site, then **Tegea**, then continue towards **Sparta**. Lunch on the way. Continue visit of the Byzantine site of **Mystra (open until 730pm)**. Overnight in Hotel **Menelaion**.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 23: Sparta – Olympia .

Morning departure at **800am** to visit Sparta Museum, Menelaion and then continue to Bassae. Afternoon arrival in Olympia and overnight at Hotel **Olympian Asty**.

THURSDAY, MAY 24: Olympia – Delphi

Morning departure to visit the **Olympia**, (museum, then site); then pass by Rion/Antirion newly constructed bridge to reach **Naupactos / Battle of Lepanto**, pass by Galaxidi and Itea to reach Delphi. (Lunch opportunity in Olympia or later on in Naupactos).

PM – Delphi: Marmaria, Castalian Spring. Overnight at Hotel Acropole in Delphi.

FRIDAY, MAY 25: Delphi

Morning visit at **830am** of the Delphi museum and site, sanctuary of Apollo. Lunch suggestion at Bacchus restaurant (Mrs. Loucia in Delphi, tel 22650-83186). Free exploration time in Arachova. Dinner suggestion (Kaplanis Taverna or Karathanasis Taverna: try the famous formaella cheese, local in the area and lamp chops). Overnight in Hotel Acropole.

SATURDAY, MAY 26: Delphi – Athens

Morning departure to visit **Osios Loukas, Plateia** . If time permits visit the site of **Eleusis (closes at 3 pm)**. Return to Athens for overnight at Hotel Astor.

SUNDAY, MAY 27: Athens

Morning departure at **900am** to visit **Thorikos, Laureion** (lunch stop) and **St Paul Nunnery** (unique Greek orthodox monastery). Then continue visit of **Cape Sounion, Temple of Poseidon**. Possibility for dinner at good taverna on the way to Athens (with appetizers from all parts of Greece, Strofilia Taverna, extra cost 16E per person). Overnight in Athens.

MONDAY, MAY 28: Athens

Optional trip to the National Museum (MUSEUM opens at 12noon on Monday). Final Exam; Meet at hotel at 730pm to walk to nearby taverna in Plaka for farewell dinner.

TUESDAY, MAY 29: Athens – Iowa, USA

Morning transfer at 1100am to the airport (with assistance) for 205pm flight on LH 3381 to Frankfurt and on to Chicago.

Flight 3381 Athens/Frankfurt 2:05P-4:15P

Flight 432 Frankfurt/Chicago 5:00P-7:15P

Return via Bradley Jo Charter to Mount Vernon

Rates include:

- **Accommodation** in doubles and triples in selected Tourist class hotels with all comforts, private shower/WC, TV and air condition (**2 free in doubles**)
- **Daily breakfast** (Many times buffet style)
- **Welcome dinner and farewell dinner** in selected taverns in the Plaka area in Athens, with appetizers, main dish, Greek salad, dessert and gratuities.
- **All bus transportation as per itinerary** by private comfortable coach with selected drivers, all his fees and toll fees, ferry fees etc,
- **Ferry tickets** Piraeus/ Heraklion and return in 4 berth cabins , and 2 bedded cabins for professors.
- **Admission fee** to the Samaria Gorge (but **not the boat** Roumeli-Sfakia)
- **Museum pass for the students** to all arch.sites and state museums.
- **Assistance obtaining guide permit** for professors and free teacher pass to all sites and state museums.
- **Our 24 hours assistance in Greece** during your whole stay.

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