



**Pre-ADE FAM Tour**

Mycenae, Epidaurus, Nauplia (Argolis) | April 11 – 12, 2018

**WHERE:** Mycenae, Epidaurus, Nauplia (Argolis)

**WHEN:** April 11-12, 2018

**If less than 30 passengers, this FAM will be combined with other tourists. 2-day/1-night MYCENAE, EPIDAUROS, NAUPLIA (Argolis)**

**ITINERARY AT A GLANCE:**

- **Wednesday, April 11**
  - Mycenae, Epidaurus, Nauplia
  - Lunch and afternoon at leisure in Nauplia
  
- **Thursday April 12**
  - Nauplia
  - Participants on this tour will have an afternoon and morning at leisure for swimming or strolling through the street of *NAUPLIA*

**COST:**

Occupancy	Price*
Double Occupancy	\$237
Single Occupancy	\$291

**WHAT'S INCLUDED\*:**

- Bus transportation from and to the airport in Thessaloniki.
- All guides to all sightseeing tours as mentioned in program
- Accommodations in Nauplia at a 4\* Hotel
- Meals as mentioned in the above program

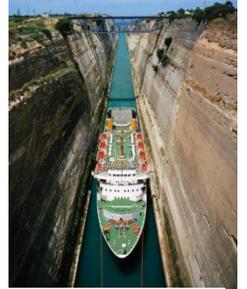
**ESSENTIAL INFORMATION:**

- Travel insurance is not required but is highly recommended.
- Your registration is non-refundable unless the FAM is cancelled by ASTA or the Supplier.
- Valid passports are required but Visas are not needed.
- Most all archaeological sites are not handicapped accessible.
- Have questions? Contact Don McGahee at [Don@asta.org](mailto:Don@asta.org).

## FULL ITINERARY

### Day 1 - April 11<sup>th</sup>: Mycenae, Epidaurus, Nauplia

Starting from Athens at 08:00AM we drive westwards along the scenic coast, until we reach the *CORINTH CANAL* with its breathtaking views (*Short Stop*). The Corinth Canal is a junction of international sea transport and serves ships coming from the western Mediterranean and Adriatic en route to eastern Mediterranean and black sea ports and vice-versa. The Corinth Canal intersects the Isthmus of Corinth and has a length of 6.343m. The minimum width of the canal at sea level is 24.6m and bottom width of 21m at 8m depth.



Continue along the coastal road of the Saronic Gulf to *MYCENAE* (Visit). Mycenae 'Rich in Gold', the kingdom of mythical Agamemnon, first sung by Homer in his epics, is the most important and richest palatial centre of the Late Bronze Age in Greece. Its name was given to one of the greatest civilizations of Greek prehistory, the Mycenaean civilization.

Then depart for *NAUPLIA* 1<sup>st</sup> capital of Greece in 1829 – Lunch and afternoon at leisure – Overnight in Nauplia in a 4-star hotel (L)

### Day 2- April 12<sup>th</sup>: Nauplia

Morning at leisure and then depart for *EPIDAUROS* (Visit) - On the headland called "Nesi" at Palaia Epidaurus, the theatre of the ancient city is quite well-preserved, in the shape it acquired during the latter years of its function. Apart from a few rows of seats, the cavea is made of limestone with poros staircases.



Until now, nine cunei with eighteen rows of seats have been excavated, which originally could accommodate about 2000 spectators. All the benches and thrones of the theatre carry inscriptions with the names of the donors while implying a direct relationship of the monument with the cult of Dionysus.

The theater is marveled for its exceptional acoustics, which permit almost perfect intelligibility of unamplified spoken word from the proscenium or scene to all 12,000 spectators, regardless of their seating.



In the afternoon drive back to Athens arriving at about 7PM (B).

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