

# 2018 Gustavus Adolphus College Alumni and Friends Favorite Treasures of Ancient Greece April 17-28, 2018

## Overview

Explore ancient Greek history and culture and learn about the artistic and political history of “the Cradle of Civilization,” led by Gustavus Adolphus Professors of the Classics, William and Patricia Freiart. This 12-day custom-created study tour combines learning, exploring, leisure, lecture, food, and arts, led by faculty experts.

Our learning features a stroll through the ancient Agora of Athens. This downtown of the Greeks, where Socrates walked and talked, featured courts and markets and hero cults. Slipping



into the shade of the small but rich Agora museum, we learn some basics of Athenian social, political, and artistic life from sculptures, vases, inscriptions, children’s toys, and even an ancient potty-chair. We visit the Parthenon on the Acropolis and the remarkable new Acropolis Museum, a model of twenty-first century museum design. Later we explore the Museum of Cycladic Art, housing the world’s best collection of the charming third-millennium sculptures that inspired Picasso. After a morning at the National Archeological Museum, we leave the ancient and modern capital city and travel to the sacred mountain shrine of Apollo at Delphi, where one senses why this was “the navel” of the world and

a powerful source of Greek political intelligence.

Next, we visit the Greco-Roman trade center of Corinth, where St. Paul founded a Christian community, before we settle into Nafplion, a seaside haven popular with modern Athenians for its food, Mediterranean strolls, and good shopping. Nafplion is our base for outings to Mycenae, home of Agamemnon, the leader in the Trojan War, to Epidauros, the ancient healing shrine of Asclepius and site of the best preserved Greek theatre, as well as to a modern vineyard and an olive farm to taste the traditions passed down for centuries. A flight to Santorini takes us to a uniquely beautiful island and the archeological site of Akrotiri where excavations reveal late Bronze Age multi-story buildings in a city buried in the volcanic eruption often associated with Atlantis. We celebrate our adventures in a lovely farewell dinner before returning home from this stimulating and enriching exploration of ancient and modern Greece.



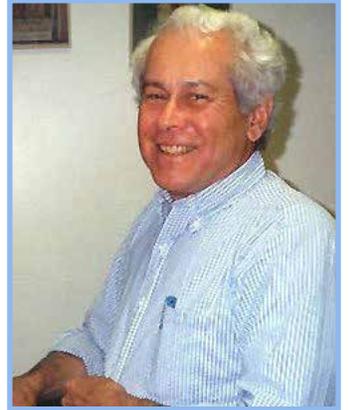
# Travel Program Leaders

It has been forty years since Patricia and Will Freiert led their first study tour of Greece. The Freiersts, now Emeritus Professors of Classics at Gustavus Adolphus College, have led several trips to Greece in addition to studying, living and vacationing there. This well-travelled couple also has extensive experience with Japan where they lived and taught for two years, on a faculty exchange and in the Fulbright program.

**Patricia**, who taught Greek art and archaeology at Gustavus, is the author of a Garland book on Greek Art and Archaeology and the recipient of grants for Latin education. She now works as a textile artist, dyeing fabric using the traditional Japanese shaped-resist techniques of shibori, exhibiting and teaching in venues throughout the country. For several years after retirement, she taught a First Term Seminar on bi-cultural identity, in which meditation played a prominent part.



**Will** published articles on the classical tradition and a book on Paul Granlund. He was awarded a national teaching award, Gustavus' Edgar Carlson award, and the college's Faculty Service Award. Since retirement he has continued to teach courses on mindfulness and on classical subjects, especially Greek mythology, Homer's Odyssey, and drama.



## Activity Level

This travel program is active requiring a good amount of walking to fully participate. Walking distance of two to four miles most days and often over uneven ground. Elevators are not always available and there will be stairs to climb. Sometimes stairs and pathways will not have handrails. You should be ready to keep pace with an active group of traveling companions.

## Cost & Registration

Comprehensive program cost is estimated at \$5,500 from Minneapolis/St. Paul with a group size of 30-35. Includes airfare from Minneapolis/St. Paul, 10 nights at four-star hotels, private touring throughout with a professional Greek guide, 17 meals, roundtrip flight to Santorini, entrances fees, gratuities, all taxes and the leadership of William and Patricia Freiert.

Registration for this travel experience opens mid-June. The flights and airfare for the travel dates are not yet available and the reason the tour cost is currently estimated.

Registration information will be available in mid-June and will include enrollment instructions including when a \$600 per person deposit is due. The registration brochure will detail the cost, inclusions, registration conditions, travel insurance and the supplement for single room

## To receive more information

To be included on an email list to receive tour updates and the registration information in June, please contact Professor Tom Emmert, Gustavus Adolphus coordinator for alumni travel at [tomo@gustavus.edu](mailto:tomo@gustavus.edu).

## Travel arrangements by

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# Itinerary



**Tuesday, April 17 MINNEAPOLIS-ST. PAUL DEPARTURE.** Depart on Delta Air Lines flight to New York/JFK International Airport, connecting to another Delta Air Lines flight to Athens.\*

**Wednesday, April 18 ATHENS ARRIVAL.** Upon arrival at Athens airport, receive a welcome from an awaiting Greek tour manager and private motorcoach for transfer into the city with orientation information provided along the way. Time for lunch on own before a guided visit to the ultra-modern [Acropolis Museum](#). Continue to the [Divani Acropolis Hotel](#), located near the Plaka, to get settle in for a two-night stay. Early dinner at a local restaurant. **(D)**

**Thursday, April 19 ATHENS.** A discovery of Athens begins with a morning climb to the Acropolis with its magnificent Parthenon. Continue with an exploration of the ancient [Agora](#) and [Agora museum](#). Break for lunch on own, followed by afternoon visit to the Goulandris [Museum of Cycladic Art](#). Remainder of the day and evening at leisure to enjoy dinner on own at one of the many restaurants nearby and explore the Plaka and surrounding area. **(B)**

**Friday, April 20 ATHENS/DELPHI.** This morning, explore the antiquities and treasures in the [National Archeological Museum](#). Leave Athens traveling north through the countryside to Delphi, once believed to be the center of the universe and religious world in ancient Greece. Visit to lower archaeological site upon arrival, time permitting. Arrive at [Hotel Apollonia](#) to check-in for a two-night stay with dinner of delicious local cuisine at [Taverna Vakhous](#). **(B,D)**

**Saturday, April 21 DELPHI.** At the foot of Mount Parnassos, begin a walk this morning along the Sacred Way at [ancient Delphi](#) to the [temple of Apollo](#). Explore the upper archaeological site. This afternoon, marvel at the treasure of artifacts in the [Delphi Archeological Museum](#). Evening at leisure to explore the town and enjoy a local restaurant for dinner on own. **(B)**

**Sunday, April 22 DELPHI/NAFPLION.** Leave Delphi this morning for the Peloponnese arriving in Corinth for lunch in a taverna followed by a visit of [ancient Corinth](#) and the [museum](#). Continue south to the seaside city of Nafplion and the [Grande Bretagne Hotel](#) for check-in to enjoy the first night of a three-night stay. **(B,L)**

**Monday, April 23 NAFPLION/MYCENAE VISIT.** Excursion today from Nafplion features a full morning learning about the Mycenaean civilization at the archeological site of [Mycenae](#). Early afternoon visit to [Skouras](#) winery for a tasting and buffet lunch before returning to Nafplion. Remainder of afternoon and evening at leisure. **(B,L)**

**Tuesday, April 24 NAFPLION/EPIDAUROS VISIT.** Day excursion from Nafplion to [Epidaurus](#) for a half-day exploration of the vast archeological site of temples, buildings and magnificent theatre. Enjoy lunch in Ligourio followed by an afternoon visit to the olive grove and factory of [Melas](#) before returning to Nafplion for evening at leisure. **(B,L)**

**Wednesday, April 25 NAFPLION/SANTORINI.** After checking out of hotel, travel to the Athens airport for flight departure on Aegean Airlines to the beautiful Greek island of Santorini. Late afternoon arrival and private transfer to cliff-side town of [Fira](#). Arrive at [El Greco Hotel](#) for check-in to get settled for a two-night stay. Dinner at a local restaurant. **(B,D)**

**Thursday, April 26 SANTORINI.** Visit the archeological site of [Akrotiri](#), where excavations reveal a significant settlement of the Late Bronze Age, between the 20th and 17th century BC. This afternoon, enjoy transport by private boat to discover the volcanic island of Nea Kameni. Return to Fira for an evening at leisure and overnight. **(B)**

**Friday, April 27 SANTORINI/ATHENS.** Morning and most of afternoon at leisure in Fira for individual exploration. Evening flight back to the mainland for a final night at [Hotel Sofitel](#), located within the Athens airport. Farewell group dinner at the hotel. **(B,D)**

**Saturday, April 28 ATHENS DEPARTURE.** Easy departure this morning after breakfast at hotel on a Delta Air Lines flight to New York/JFK with connecting flight for Minneapolis-St. Paul, arriving in the evening. **(B)**

*17 included meals: B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner  
\*Flights presented are based on 2017 flight schedule for Delta Air Lines/Aegean Airlines and subject to change.  
Departures from other U.S. cities available.  
Itinerary subject to change due to local scheduling.  
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