

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

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



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 morning 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 settle in for a two-night stay. Early dinner at a local restaurant. (D)

Thursday, April 19 ATHENS. Today's further 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 the lower archaeological site upon arrival before check-in at [Hotel Apollonia](#) for a two-night stay with dinner of delicious local cuisine at [Taverna Vakhous](#). (B,D)

Saturday, April 21 DELPHI. Lecture by faculty leaders after breakfast to prepare for today's visits. 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. After breakfast, lecture by leaders to prepare for the visits today and tomorrow. 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. Lecture after breakfast with 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. This morning after breakfast at hotel, walk to the airport terminal for check-in to Delta Air Lines flight to New York/JFK with connecting flight to Minneapolis-St. Paul, arriving in the evening. (B)

*17 included meals: B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner
Departures from other U.S. cities available.
Itinerary subject to change due to local scheduling.
[Use website links to items in blue.](#)*



Passport, Health, Insurance and Travel Information

U.S. citizens need a passport valid at least six months beyond the tour return date. Passport applications are available at the [U.S. Department of State website](#). There are no vaccination or visa requirements for U.S. citizens to enter Greece. Consult with your physician and utilize the information on Travelers' Health on the [Centers for Disease Control website](#) for advised precautions.

Non-U.S. citizens are responsible for their own passport and any visa requirements for the countries visited and must travel with a permanent resident card or other documentation to re-enter the U.S. Without proper documents, entry could be denied at participant's expense.

For international travel information including country specific background, travel alerts and travel warnings, refer to the U.S. State Department: www.state.gov/travel/.

Cultural Insurance Services International (CISI) group insurance included in cost covers evacuation and major medical as described in Statement of Conditions. Cancellation insurance and coverage for pre-existing medical conditions is not included and highly recommended for health situations that may prevent you from traveling or interrupt your travels.

Travel Guard is recommended as a reliable provider of travel cancellation insurance. Access insurance options using this link to [Travel Guard](#) and completing a worksheet with your personal details. For questions about coverage, call Travel Guard at 800-826-4919 and use agency referral number 14847980 for Seminars International. When purchasing insurance, thoroughly read the coverage to ensure it meets your needs. Purchasing travel insurance within 15 days of enrollment may waive pre-existing medical conditions.

Travelers are required to walk significant distances including uneven surfaces, steps and inclines during parts of the itinerary. Consult with Seminars International or your tour leadership if you have concerns or questions about the amount and level of walking required to fully participate.

For travel and destination information, click website link: [Greek National Tourist Organization](#)

Further Information

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Registration

To secure registration, you must complete the enrollment form **and** pay the required deposit. You need passport details (unless applying for a passport) and emergency contact information to properly fill out the enrollment form.

Step 1: \$600 deposit due immediately to secure registration. Make check payable and mail to Seminars International, 55 E. Monroe, Suite 2870, Chicago, IL 60603. Please add **Tour# T4999** to the memo portion of your check

Payment is available by credit card at <http://www.semint.com/payments.html> or by calling 800.541.7506. A 3% service fee is added to all credit card transactions.

Step 2: If this is an electronic brochure, click below to fill out one enrollment form per person. The **T# is 4999**. A printed copy of the enrollment form is also available by contacting Jeaneen Lincoln at 800-541-7506 or jeaneen@semint.com. Deposit payment must be received within 10 days of completing enrollment form to maintain your registration. **A letter of confirmation is emailed after receipt of both the deposit and the enrollment form.** If program is full upon submitting enrollment form, you will be notified.

Passport Name: Complete this form with your **full name exactly as it appears on your passport**. Include your middle name or initial plus any suffix (Jr., Sr., or III) exactly as printed on your passport. If you do not have a passport at this time, enter your name exactly as it will appear on the passport. There may be a fee for any name changes.

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Program Cost

\$5,295 from Minneapolis/St. Paul

Supplement for single accommodations - \$700
Limited availability of single accommodations.

This comprehensive cost includes airline ticket taxes/fuel surcharge of \$363, gratuities and CISI group insurance (approx. \$75 value).

These costs are often not packaged into other travel programs and instead listed as additional costs in the fine print.

Program cost based on a group size of 33 and will increase if group size is smaller.

Statement of Conditions

Program cost and minimum number group size: \$5,295.00, based on a group size of 33 participants. \$5,450.00 based on a group size of 28-32. Program cost will increase if group size is smaller. *Program cost based on exchange rates and tariffs in effect as of June 2017 subject to change in the event that there is a fluctuation of more than 4%.*

Air transportation included in cost: From Minneapolis/St. Paul to Athens and Athens to Santorini roundtrip on currently confirmed airfare by Delta Air Lines and Aegean Airlines, subject to restrictions and cancellation penalties by the airline; current taxes and surcharges of \$363.00 are included and subject to change until ticketed. Flights on Aegean Airlines are not available for booking at time of printing brochure and subject to schedule changes and cost.

Surface travel and transfers: By private, deluxe motorcoach for all transfers and touring plus handling of one piece of baggage in/out of hotels.

Accommodations and meals: Shared occupancy at hotels listed in itinerary or similar as hotels subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances. Single accommodations supplement is \$700.00 and limited. Buffet breakfast daily, three lunches and four dinners for a total of 17 meals as indicated in the itinerary. Upon request, Seminars International and sponsor/host(s) will try to pair participants traveling as a single with a roommate. There is no guarantee of a roommate and if one is not available, the single supplement is assessed at time of invoice. Some hotels provide a smaller room size for single occupancy.

Program arrangements: English-speaking professional tour manager upon arrival in Athens and throughout Greece; use of audio headsets throughout itinerary; inside visits described in itinerary include entrance fees or donations as needed; gratuities for tour manager/guides, motorcoach drivers, and hotel/restaurant wait staff. Note: Participants with special needs may incur surcharges for additional services. Handicap accessibility varies significantly from country to country.

Deposit and payment schedule: \$600 per participant due to secure enrollment no later than **December 30, 2017 as long as space is available**. A waiting list is maintained when registrations exceed 33. **Full payment due January 17, 2018**. Upon receipt of enrollment and deposit, a confirmation of registration is sent by Seminars International via email. Any payments by credit card incur an additional 3% to cover merchant fees. Invoices are sent in advance of final payment.

Group insurance: The following Cultural Insurance Services International (CISI) group insurance coverage is included for each participant. **This insurance does not include individual trip cancellation and pre-existing medical condition coverage, additional insurance is highly recommended.**

Schedule of Benefits Policy # GLM N0496486A

Coverage and Services Maximum Limits:

- Accidental Death and Dismemberment Per Insured Person \$10,000.
- Medical expenses (per Covered Accident or Sickness).
- Deductible zero.
- Basic Medical \$100,000 at 100%.
- Home Country Coverage Limit \$10,000.
- Emergency Medical Reunion \$3,000.
- Team Assist Plan (TAP): 24/7 medical, travel, technical assistance.
- Emergency Medical Evacuation 100% of Covered Expenses.
- Repatriation/Return of Mortal Remains 100% of Covered Expenses.
- Security Evacuation (Comprehensive) \$100,000.
- Trip delay of \$100 per day to a maximum of \$500/5 days if delayed more than 12 hours.

Click here to access further information on travel insurance.

Trip delay: In the unforeseen circumstance your program experiences travel delays and unexpected expenses are incurred, Seminars International will invoice participants for any additional costs associated with the delay minus the \$100 per day CISI trip delay coverage, if qualified. Obtaining additional travel insurance as recommended on page three may offset these expenses.

Cancellation and refund policy: Should cancellation occur prior to

120 days before departure, the initial deposit will be refunded less a \$100 fee per person. In addition to airline penalties, the following specified costs are non-refundable: **120-90 days** = half of deposit; **89-75 days** = full deposit; **74-46 days** = 50% of program price; **45-31 days** = recoverable costs only (possible forfeiture of entire program cost); **cancellations received 30 days or fewer from departure will receive no refund. Cancellations must be submitted in writing; the date such notification is received by Seminars International, Inc. is the cancellation date. Trip cancellation insurance is strongly recommended.**

Leadership: The person(s) identified as the leader/host is subject to change in the event of unforeseen circumstances beyond the control of Seminars International. In the unlikely event of a change in leadership, a qualified replacement will be selected by the sponsoring organization or previous leader. Seminars International will operate the program as planned and is not responsible for the change in leadership. The cancellation and refund policy remain as stated.

Exclusions: Items not listed above, including but not limited to meals other than those indicated; beverages except at breakfast; baggage handling at airports; optional entertainment and excursions; any baggage charges; all personal items, such as telephone calls, laundry expenses, individual room service; cancellation insurance; non-tour related gratuities; passport fees; increases in air ticket taxes or fuel surcharge; increases in VAT or city/hotel taxes.

Management and responsibility: Seminars International (SI) acts only as an agent and neither SI nor any employee or appointee nor any other person, party or organization or agency collaborating with it is or shall be responsible or liable for any injury or loss, accident or damage, delay or deviation or curtailment, howsoever caused or arising or the consequences thereof, which may occur during any part of the travel or program or during such free time as the members may elect to spend independently on the program. The airlines or commercial carriers concerned are not to be held responsible for any acts, omissions, or events during the time the passengers are not on board their planes or conveyances. The passage contracts in use by the airlines concerned, when issued, will constitute the sole contract between the airlines and the purchaser of this program and/or passenger.

Deviations policy: Some participants may wish to extend their stay, originate or deplane from different cities or purchase the land program only. Early flight departure on group airfare is not permitted. Every effort will be made to assist program participants within the rules of the group air contract for a \$100 per person service charge, plus any additional charges levied by the airline or other supplier. Once the deviation has been booked, any changes may incur additional costs. Please note you are purchasing a group program and any deviation from the program arrangements requires staff time not calculated in the program cost. No refund may be granted to participants who wish to omit portions of the itinerary. **All deviation requests must be submitted in writing by December 18, 2017.**

Seminars International

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Custom Design - We design customized international programs sensitive to the needs and interests of a group while focusing on value and affordability.

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Program Evaluation - Upon return we invite you to complete an evaluation to share feedback on how we may enhance your experience in the future.

Greece Study Tour Leaders

It has been forty years since Patricia and Will Friert led their first study tour of Greece. The Frierts, 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.

Greece Study Tour Highlights & Inclusions

Experience educational and cultural enrichment traveling with a community of alumni and friends under the leadership, hospitality and teaching of Gustavus Adolphus Professors of the Classics, William and Patricia Friert.



Explore ancient Greek history and culture and learn about artistic and political history of "the Cradle of Civilization." Visit Athens, Delphi, Corinth, Nafplion, Mycenae, Epidaurus, Santorini and more on a customized itinerary designed for a rich and full experience.



Travel on international flights from Minneapolis/St. Paul to Athens on Delta Air Lines and round-trip flight from Athens to Santorini including current fuel surcharge and taxes.



Stay ten nights in centrally located four-star hotels, shared occupancy. Single accommodations are available at a supplemental cost.



Savor local cuisine with 17 meals included: buffet breakfast daily, four dinners and three lunches.



Discover Greece with a professional, licensed tour manager/guide throughout itinerary along with the use of audio headset system.



Enjoy the comfort of traveling in a private, deluxe motorcoach for all transfers and touring throughout the itinerary, along with handling of one piece of baggage in/out at hotels.



Relax in the knowledge entrance fees are included for inside visits and activities described in itinerary along with the gratuities for tour manager, motorcoach drivers and hotel/restaurant staff.



Be insured with included group travel insurance through Cultural Insurance Services International including medical evacuation coverage.