

Your guide--Don Lyon

Meteora! This complex of medieval monasteries cling to the rocks like nests of eagles. The skies are often bold and dramatic in early spring when the first rays of sunlight turn the 13th C. tile roofs into gold. **Divani Kalambaka—2 nights.**

Day 12 Athens: We return to Athens and re-immense ourselves in the colorful life of the Plaka and tabernas—one last chance to capture it all. **Hotel Philippos—1 night.**

Day 13 (April 8) Flights home or to the isle of Santorini: Schedule your flights home for anytime today—or join me on a three day photo-visit to Santorini Island—photograph the white walls, blue domed roof-tops and endless sunset visits from our cliff-side hotel. \$865 plus airfare with a minimum of five.

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GENERAL INFORMATION and CONDITIONS

RESERVATIONS & PAYMENTS: A \$500US per person deposit and a signed application is required to confirm any reservation. Balance of payment is due 90 days prior to departure. Visa and Mastercard are accepted for deposits.

CANCELLATION POLICY: Minimum cancellation fees, shown below, are in addition to any non-recoverable deposits made to suppliers and are based on the number of days prior to departure that we receive written notice of cancellation. More than 120 days--\$200. 60-120 days--\$500. Less than 60 days--50% of Land Costs or per person fixed operating costs plus non recoverable deposits, whichever is greater. Within 30 days, 100% of Land Costs is forfeited.

CANCELLED EXPEDITIONS: Close-Up Expeditions retains the right to cancel any trip which does not have the stated minimum number of participants. Deposits will be refunded. Deposits collected for Expeditions cancelled due to events beyond our control will be refunded minus unrecoverable expenses.

EXPEDITION COSTS INCLUDE: unless stated otherwise in the brochure, Accommodations based on two people sharing one room. Meals--Continental breakfast included. Lunch and dinner in local cafes included up to Meal Budget amount. Land Transportation by vehicles appropriate to group size, expedition goals and local availability. Sightseeing and Admissions--as indicated in the brochure. Baggage and Personal Equipment: Transport of one medium size suitcase, not to exceed 27" X 21" x 9" (or combined dimensions of 57") and 45 lbs is included. Guides may refuse to carry luggage exceeding these limits. Hand-baggage and camera equipment should be of a size convenient to carry and be kept with you in the van without inconvenience to others, and is entirely the responsibility of the client.

SMOKING & CELLPHONE use are not permitted in Vehicles and at Meals.

GUIDE SERVICES & PHOTOGRAPHIC INSTRUCTION: The services of your CUE leader are included from arrival at the Meeting Point on Day One, terminating on the last day as indicated in the brochure. Photographic advice and instruction is included on a group basis and individually as time permits.

EXPEDITIONS COSTS DO NOT INCLUDE: Air transportation, passport, visa and airport fees, inoculations, medical expenses, and items of a personal nature such as laundry, tips for special services, excess baggage charges, gratuities to guides and drivers and expenses due to events beyond the control of Close-Up Expeditions.

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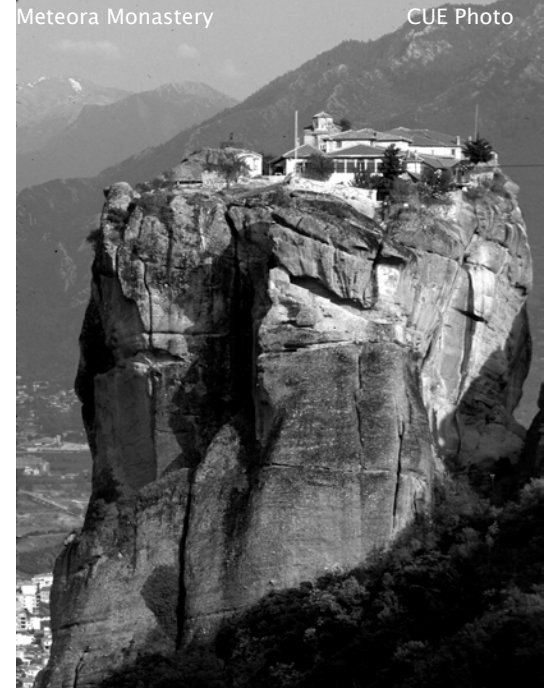
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March 28-April 8, 2012



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Greece is a ripe pomegranate for the photographer—rich colors, sweet plump images of a warm friendly land. White marble columns evocative of the growth of Western Civilization now lie forgotten in fields of red poppies. What stories they tell about our own past as we picnic among the ruins.

In Spring the sun's rays are most welcome -- the land is fresh and green again. People have a chance to chat—before the annual tourist invasion. Your Guide, Don Lyon, has led photographers to Greece for over 30 years. He will share his favorite places and help you do your best work ever.

13 Day Greece Land Cost \$3586*
Meal Budget \$ 420**
Single Supplement \$ 485

*Land Cost includes accommodations (twin basis), land transportation by van, admissions, taxes and the services of your guide.
 **You eat and drink as much/as little as you like and pay only for what you consume. See Meals under Conditions. Air fares are not included. Costs are based on the Euro at \$1.43.

Our Itinerary

Days 1–2 Arrive Athens on March 28. Our hotel is convenient for early and late shooting in the Plaka with the Acropolis rising above. Athens is the “eye of Greece—mother of Arts and Eloquence” and an exciting colorful city. The best images are when you least expect them. The treasures of the National Museum can be beautifully photographed. Southeast along the coast is the Temple of Zeus at Sounion—we capture it at sunset.

Hotel Philippos—2 nights.

Days 3–4 Nafplio and the Peloponnese: The Corinth Canal puts Attica behind us as we enter a beautiful and rich agricultural region where citrus blossoms scent the air. Olive trees and rock-lined gardens are nestled among the ruins of the great temple of Apollo. The Lion's Gate saw the return of Agamemnon from the Trojan War. We spend two night is the very charming red tile roofed city of Nafplio—Venetian built and well fortified. The Theatre of Epidaurus is dramatic with your wide-angle. **Agamemnon Hotel—2 nights.**

Days 5–7 Sparta: SW across this fig-leaved shaped peninsula to Sparta. Nearby Mistras was a religious center of the Byzantine Greeks. Many beautiful monasteries with their octagonal domes remain to decorate the hillside above the modern town. Monemvassia, clinging picturesquely to the cliffs is a favorite with artists.

Hotel Leda—3 nights.



Temple of Athena

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Day 8 Olympia: North past forgotten ruins, into rugged mountains sheltering Byzantine mountain top villages to Olympia, where for 1200 years, Greece's warring states challenged each other on the playing field instead of the battlefield. The ruins of the sacred precinct conjure up the roar of the crowds as the winners are crowned with laurel leaves. We find evocative images of timeless Greece everywhere.

Andronios Hotel--1 night.

Day 9 Delphi: Daisy filled meadows, ancient olive groves enroute to Patra where we cross the Gulf of Corinth to the site of the ancient oracle of Delphi. The treasures attest to its influence. We capture the Temple of Athena in full moon light.

Hotel Acropole--1 night.

Day 10–11 Meteora's Monasteries: Morning photo explorations of the sacred precincts, then on to one of the most intense visual sights in the world--erectile, elemental rock formations piercing the sky--the

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