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TRAVEL & EVENTS

Highlights

- **Ancient Corinth & Gallio's Bema:** Stand at the judgment seat where St. Paul was tried, reflecting on his 18-month ministry, tentmaking work, and the immortal Hymn to Love (1 Cor. 13).
- **Ancient Port of Cenchreae:** Visit the ancient harbor where St. Paul shaved his head in fulfillment of a vow before embarking for Ephesus (Acts 18:18).
- **Patras & St. Andrew's Cathedral:** Pray at the site of the martyrdom of St. Andrew the Apostle (brother of St. Peter), venerating his holy relics—a site of profound ecumenical significance and historical connection to Rome.
- **Byzantine Citadel of Mistras:** Explore the UNESCO-listed medieval ghost city, walking among magnificent Byzantine churches and frescoes that echo centuries of continuous prayer.
- **Historic Nafplio & Mycenae:** Experience the classical roots of Greece in romantic Nafplio and ancient Mycenae, witnessing how Christianity transformed the ancient Greco-Roman world.
- **Daily Holy Mass Coordination:** Pre-arranged, quiet venues (in designated Catholic venues or approved sacred sites) for your Spiritual Director to celebrate Holy Mass daily.
- **Full Authentic Hospitality:** Enjoy curated daily lunches featuring traditional Peloponnesian cuisine at regional taverns, combined with relaxed dinners at your 4-star hotels.



General Information

Departures

All Year Round

Inclusions:

- **4-Star Hotel Accommodation:** 6 nights in strictly selected 4-star hotels (2 nights in Athens, 2 nights in Nafplio, 2 nights in Patras).
- **Full Board Basis:**
 - Daily rich buffet breakfasts at the hotels.
 - **Daily lunches** at carefully selected traditional local taverns and restaurants featuring authentic Greek cuisine.
 - **Daily dinners** served at the 4-star hotel restaurants.
- **Private Ground Transportation:** All transfers and excursions operated by Mazi's private fleet of modern, air-conditioned luxury coaches with professional drivers.
- **Specialized Theological Guide:** Services of a fully licensed, English-speaking guide with specialized knowledge in Catholic theology and biblical history throughout the tour.
- **Holy Mass Arrangements:** Complete logistical coordination and venue reservations for your Spiritual Director to celebrate daily Holy Mass.
- **24/7 Operations Support:** Round-the-clock dedicated assistance from Mazi's specialized operations team.

Exclusions:

- International airfare to and from Athens.
- Entrance fees to archaeological sites and museums (can be included upon request in the final B2B contract).
- Beverages during meals (unless pre-ordered as part of a beverage package).
- Personal expenses (laundry, telephone calls, room service).
- Gratuities for the spiritual director, local guide, driver, and hotel staff.

Itinerary

Day 1: Arrival in Athens - The Calling to the Sacred Journey

Welcome to Greece, the land of apostolic preaching. Upon arrival at Athens International Airport, your group will be warmly received by your dedicated Mazi tour escort and private driver. We begin our pilgrimage with a **welcome lunch at a traditional local restaurant**, offering a first taste of authentic Greek hospitality and fellowship. Transfer to our 4-star hotel via our private luxury coach for check-in. The afternoon is dedicated to gathering our thoughts and preparing our hearts for the days ahead. Your Spiritual Director will lead the opening **Holy Mass** at a reserved, quiet venue, invoking the Holy Spirit's blessing upon our pilgrimage. **Dinner at the hotel restaurant** and overnight in Athens.

Day 2: Ancient Corinth, Cenchreae & Nafplio - The Gospel of Love

We drive along the Saronic Gulf, crossing the Corinth Canal into the Peloponnese to reach Ancient Corinth. St. Paul lived and labored here for 18 months, founding a vibrant Christian community. We walk through the ancient forum and stand before the Bema (Judgment Seat) of Gallio, reflecting deeply on Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians and his Hymn to Love (1 Cor. 13). Following **Holy Mass** in the area, we enjoy a **lunch at a traditional local tavern**. On our way to Nafplio, we stop briefly at the ancient port of Cenchreae, from where Paul set sail for Syria (Acts 18:18). We arrive in picturesque Nafplio for check-in at our 4-star hotel. **Dinner at the hotel restaurant** and overnight in Nafplio.

Day 3: Nafplio, Epidaurus & Mycenae - Classical Antiquity & Christian Light

After breakfast, we explore the historic town of Nafplio, the first capital of modern Greece. We then visit Ancient Mycenae, the citadel of King Agamemnon, and the ancient Theater of Epidaurus, famous for its perfect acoustics. Visiting these classical monuments provides a striking historical context: we reflect on how the Light of the Gospel brought hope and salvation to the pagan Greco-Roman world. We gather for a **delicious traditional lunch at a regional tavern**. In the late afternoon, we return to Nafplio for free time, prayer, or strolling through the marble-paved alleys. **Dinner at the 4-star hotel** and overnight in Nafplio.

Day 4: Mistras, Sparta & Journey to Patras - The Byzantine Heritage

We depart south toward Sparta and ascend to the medieval fortress city of Mistras (a UNESCO World Heritage site). Perched on the slopes of Mount Taygetos, Mistras was the last stronghold of the Byzantine Empire. We walk among its silent medieval churches, admiring exquisite Byzantine frescoes that express the profound theological devotion of the era. Following our tour, we enjoy a **lunch featuring local Peloponnesian specialties at a traditional tavern**. We then take a scenic drive north through the Peloponnesian countryside to Patras, the gateway to Western Europe. Check-in at our 4-star hotel in Patras. **Dinner at the hotel restaurant** and overnight.

Day 5: Patras - The Martyrdom of St. Andrew the Apostle

A day of deep apostolic reverence. We visit the grand Cathedral of St. Andrew in Patras, built near the exact site of the Apostle's crucifixion on an X-shaped cross. As the brother of St. Peter, St. Andrew holds a central place in Catholic-Orthodox unity; we venerate his holy relics and the sacred cross of his martyrdom. Your Spiritual Director will guide a prayer reflection and celebrate **Holy Mass** at a serene venue. We then share a **hearty lunch at a traditional local tavern** in Patras. The afternoon is free for personal devotion and quiet reflection along the sea. **Dinner at the 4-star hotel** and overnight in Patras.

Day 6: Kalavryta, Great Cave Monastery & Return to Athens

We depart Patras and ascend into the dramatic Aroania Mountains toward Kalavryta. We visit the Mega Spileon (Great Cave) Monastery, one of the oldest monastic sanctuaries in Greece, built into a sheer cliff face. Here, we contemplate the endurance of monastic prayer through centuries of trials. After exploring the sanctuary, we gather for an **authentic mountain lunch at a traditional tavern**. In the afternoon, we take a comfortable drive back to Athens, checking into our 4-star hotel. In the evening, we gather for a special **farewell dinner at the hotel restaurant**, giving thanks for the spiritual graces received during our journey.

Day 7 : Homeward Journey - Sent Forth in Faith

Following breakfast at the hotel, and depending on your flight schedule, a final **traditional lunch** will be arranged before departure. Your Mazi coach and driver will transfer your group directly to Athens International Airport for your return flight home. You depart Greece renewed in spirit, carrying the light of St. Paul's preaching and the blessing of St. Andrew back to your home parishes.

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