

Greece Itinerary

Monday October 26 (D)

Arrival in Athens

- Dinner

Tuesday October 27 (B L)

Athens is a magnificent city, steeped in ancient history. There has been a Jewish presence in Greece for over 2000 years, with evidence of synagogues in Athens that date back to the 2nd century BCE.

- We will start with a panoramic tour of the city. We will see neoclassical buildings like the university and the Academy, see the National Guard in front of the parliament building and visit the **Panathenaic Stadium**, built in the 4th BC and renovated for the Olympics of 1896.
- Next we will visit two synagogues of Athens located in the area of **Thission**. The older of the two, the Romaniote synagogue, was built in 1904. Directly across the street we find the **Sephardic synagogue**. Nearby we will see the **Holocaust Memorial**.
- From here we will drive to **Syntagma Square**, the central square of the city. After a visit to the **Jewish Museum**, which contains a collection of more than 8,000 original artefacts dating from ancient times through to present day, we will stop for lunch at **Pláka**, the old historical neighbourhood, full with shops and restaurants.
- We will continue to the **Acropolis**, where we will visit some of the most historically significant buildings most of which back to the 5th century BCE. Just some of the stops on our tour will be the **Parthenon**, the **Erechtheion** as well as the **Propylaea**, formerly the main entrance to the Acropolis and the temple of the 'Wingless' Victory. These structures bear witness to the splendor of Athenian democracy, at the height of its power.
- At the **New Acropolis Museum**, an impressive site, with glass floors through which one can see the remains of ancient houses beneath



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- Today we will drive to **Chalkis** (about 1-1½ hours) on the **Island of Euboea**.
- Flavius Josephus mentions a Jewish settlement in this town in his book Antiquities of the Jews written in the first century. Jews played an important role at the economy life of this city, trading with both Ottoman and Venetian merchants. Before the outbreak of World War II the Jewish community counted about 325 Jews. Today there is a community of about 20 families in Chalkis.
- We will visit the Romaniote synagogue and the sixteenth century cemetery, explore the Old Town and visit the impressive **Archeology Museum**.

Thursday October 29 (B L)

With Scholar in Residence Prof. Eyal Ginio

Morning flight from Athens to Corfu

Corfu, the second largest of the Ionian Islands, is not only one of the most beautiful Greek islands, but also one with a fascinating history.

- We will start our day with a visit at the **Achillion Palace**. Built in 1891 at the order of Franz Joseph the Emperor of Austria for his wife Elisabeth of Bavaria, also known as Sisi, was designed with the mythical hero Achilles as its central theme. The beautiful gardens and breathtaking view are making this palace one of the Island's major attractions.
- We will drive to **Lakones**, a typical Corfiot village on the slope of a green hill. After lunch break we will walk to **Bella Vista** to enjoy the wonderful view over the bay of Paleokastritsa.
- Overnight in Corfu

Friday October 30 (B L D)

- Morning lecture with Scholar in Residence Prof. Eyal Ginio
- We will go on a walking tour of the town of Corfu, exploring its layers of history and learning about its Jewish heritage. The first evidence of a Jewish community in this island can be found in the writings of Benjamin of Tudela from the 12th



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Century. After the Alhambra Decree many Sephardic Jews immigrated to Corfu, followed by a stream of Jewish immigrant from Italian territories in the 17th century. Of a population of about of about 1,900 Jews at the outbreak of World War II, about 1,700 were murdered in Auschwitz.

- We will explore the historic buildings in Corfu Old City, such as the **Agios Spyrdon Church**, the **Old fortress** and the **Royal Palace**. We will see the synagogue, **Scuola Greca Synagogue**, standing in what was once the Jewish Ghetto as well as the **Holocaust Memorial** nearby.
- We will take the ferry to Igoumenitsa and transfer by bus to Ioannina.
- Shabbat Dinner in Ioannina

Saturday October 31 (B L)

As in many Greek cities, Jewish settlement in Ioannina began after the destruction of the Second Temple. The community here, unlike other communities in Greece kept the ancient prayer texts used by Byzantium Jews.

*On the eve of World War II more than 2,000 Jews lived here. Jewish lives were concentrated in two neighborhoods and around two synagogues, the old within the old city walls and new, outside the walls. Most of these Jews were deported to Auschwitz and murdered there. Today the remaining community contains about 50 mostly elderly people. The **Kehila Kedosha Yashan Synagogue** remains locked, only opened for visitors on request.*

- We will see the **Holocaust Memorial** in the 13th-century **Jewish cemetery** and the fortified **Old Town**.
- Overnight in Ioannina

Sunday November 1 (B L)

- Morning lecture with Scholar in Residence Prof. Eyal Ginio
- Bus to Thessaloniki with a tour to Veria and Vergina along the way.
- The ancient city of **Veria**, first mentioned in the writings of Thucydides in 432 BC, shows evidence that it was populated as early as 1000 BC. The first evidence of a



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Jewish community in this city can be found in the New Testament, where the visit of the Apostle Paul at the synagogue of Veria is described.

- In **Barbouta**, the former Jewish neighborhood of Veria was recently restored and about 50 houses of local Macedonian architecture are preserved, some of them with Hebrew inscriptions. We will not miss a visit to the synagogue, built in the 19th century.
- Before returning to Thessaloniki, we will drive to see the famous **Royal Tombs** in **Vergina**
- Overnight in Thessaloniki

Monday November 2 (B L)

Thessaloniki is the second-largest city in Greece and the capital of Greek Macedonia. It was the home of a major Jewish community, mostly of Sephardic origin, until the middle of the Second World War. It is the only known example of a city of this size in the Jewish Diaspora that retained a Jewish majority for centuries.

- Morning lecture with Scholar in Residence Prof. Eyal Ginio
- We will visit the **Jewish Museum** for a tour through the Jewish history of the city, visit the active synagogue. We will explore the long and fascinating history of this city, visiting sites from the Roman, Byzantine and Ottoman eras. In addition to the city's highlights, such as the port and the main city squares, we will see sites that tell the story of Thessaloniki's Jewish community –markets, old Jewish neighbourhoods and the **Holocaust Memorial**.

Tuesday November 3 (B L)

- Day In Thessaloniki
- Morning tour to be determined
- Afternoon free
- 6:40 pm Flight to Athens
- Overnight at Sofitel airport Hotel

Israel Itinerary

Wednesday November 4 (B D)

Departure for Israel

- El Al Flight to Israel at 10:10 am
- Arrival in Israel at 12:15 pm
- Transfer to David Citadel Hotel in Jerusalem
- **3:00 pm** Walking Tour - Cosmopolitan Jerusalem* Visit German, French, British, Scandinavian and American sites in Jerusalem, all maintained and developed by their respective nations: The Schmidt College with its breathtaking view of the city, St. Etienne Church, The Garden Tomb (a beautiful Protestant site), Six Day War 'Death Alley', 'Oxford' at the Anglican Cathedral, view from the Orient House.

*Modest clothing required.

- 7:30 pm: Dinner – with guest speaker Prof. Yuval Shany, Faculty of Law, who will speak on Human Rights in the International Arena

Thursday November 5 (B L)

On Mt. Scopus campus

- Music Presentation - with Professor Ruth HaCohen or Professor Edwin Seroussi, Department of Musicology
- Archaeology Presentation in Collection Room, Department of Archaeology followed by a visit to the Centre for Jewish Art
- Lunch on campus
- Synagogue Tour in downtown Jerusalem with Centre for Jewish Art

Free Evening

Friday November 6 (B D)

- Morning visit to Living Lab in memory of Noam Knafo with his parents Professor Ariel and Sigal Knafo at the Bloomfield Science Museum followed by a visit to Hansen House and Beit Ha'omanim (Jerusalem Artists House)



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- Afternoon Free
- Shabbat Dinner at David Citadel Hotel with IMRIC researchers: Professors Alex Binshtok, Avi Fainsod, Haya Galski-Lorberbaum and graduate students

Saturday November 7 (B)

- Free morning
- Afternoon visit to Israel Museum (with guide)
- Evening concert (to be confirmed)

Sunday November 8 (B L D)

- Visit and presentation at Maale Film School
- Volunteer opportunity at Yad La’Kashish
- Urban renewal tour with Dr. Emily Silverman, Department of Geography and Director of the Urban Clinic
- Dinner with Professor Reuven Hazan “Politics of the Moment”

Monday November 9 (B L D)

- Departure from Hotel
- Art and the Brain at the Faculty of Science on the Safra Campus
- Followed by a unique opportunity to view rare Manuscripts at the National Library
- Departure for Haifa
- Lunch en route
- Visit to Ralli Museum in Caesaria and visit to
- Check into Leonardo Haifa
- Dinner

Tuesday November 10 (B L)

- In and around Haifa
- Bahai Gardens
- German Colony and Wadi Nisnas



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- Lunch at Tulip Winery
- Afternoon visit to Beit Shearim
- Return to Haifa and evening visit to Ahmadean Community
- Dinner on own

Wednesday November 11 (B L D)

- View Acco from a new perspective Including the Old City and the Tunisian Synagogue
- Lunch in Acco
- Visit the amazing Kabri Gallery
- Dinner

Thursday November 12 (B L D)

- 8:30 am: Depart Haifa for Tel Aviv
- The Tel Aviv Museum of Art
- Remainder of day to be determined
- Closing dinner in Tel Aviv

****Thursday night arrangements are not included in cost of trip***

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