



**STUDY
ABROAD
ASSOCIATION**



**GASTON
COLLEGE**



GREECE

Focus: Cultural Studies
Length: 12 Days
Dates: May 18-29, 2025



WHY STUDY ABROAD ASSOCIATION?

Since 2009, SAA has been committed to customizing the most in-depth and affordable short-term, faculty-led study abroad and service learning experiences. We have been working with colleges and universities across the United States to assist in achieving their international education goals. All programs revolve around our core values of Quality Education, Affordability, Sustainability, Customer Service, and Health and Safety.



Affordability

Our goal is to provide global experiences to as many students as possible. Faculty-led programs allow students, especially those who cannot study abroad for a long period, greater access. A worldlier point of view and deeper understanding of people should be attainable to every student in the US.



Health and Safety

Safety is our number one priority. To ensure our travelers are completely protected throughout the program, we carry a \$5m liability insurance policy and also provide an all-inclusive travelers health insurance policy, comprehensive risk management procedures and training before the program starts. Additionally our programs include 24/7 on-ground emergency support and assistance.



Quality Education

All SAA programs are built on the foundation of education. We offer unique programs in various areas of study, including programs in underserved academic fields, such as: STEAM, Business, Allied Health and Culinary Arts. Every SAA program is crafted to achieve the goals of the faculty and institutions we're working with. Our extensive global academic network includes university partnerships, local faculty and subject-area experts, business owners, entrepreneurs, medical professionals, artists, NGOs, anthropologists, scientists, engineers, musicians, chefs, historians, community leaders, sustainability experts and more!



Customer Service

A dedicated SAA Team will assist you during the entire process. We fully understand the details and extent of work that go into organizing faculty-led programs, so we are available to assist you at every point of your process.



Sustainability

We promote sustainability with all our programs, visiting local communities and projects in need, as well as establishing long-lasting relationships and positive impacts with everyone we collaborate with.



US Based

We are a fully insured and accredited US organization with the advantages of having direct operations in more than 30 countries. All payments can be made in US dollars via check or wire transfer to our US bank account.



PROGRAM PROPOSAL AND INFORMATION

Greece, the birthplace of democracy and cradle of western civilization, offers extraordinary opportunities for a rich learning experience. Yet, Athens is also a vibrant modern metropolis which remains affordable, safe, and friendly. Part of the program will be spent in Nafplio, which is a charming centre with neoclassical buildings. It also was modern Greece's first capital and is considered one of the most romantic cities in the country. The group will also visit Santorini, one of the most picturesque island of the country.

During this 12-day program students will be able to deepen their knowledge and understanding of the Ancient Greek Civilization thanks to ad hoc visits and they will learn about the food and culture of the country while creating memories that will last a lifetime.

ON-GROUND PRICE PER STUDENT WITH AIRFARE *

Estimated single occupancy upgrade cost - \$990**

10-15 : 2 From 12 to 17 travelers	16- 21: 2 From 18 to 23 travelers	22-27 : 2 From 24 to 28 travelers
\$5,575	\$4,815	\$4,400

* Price stands as an estimate until ticketing is finalized

Note that any **single occupancy upgrades must be requested at least 100 days prior to departure to be accommodated. At that time, we will check availability and confirm the exact price of single rooms. When we make the group reservations, we hold a block of multiple occupancy rooms and only book singles for the number of faculty listed above. If you know in advance you will need more single rooms, please let us know as soon as possible.



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YOUR PROGRAM ITINERARY

DAY 1 May 18 - DEPARTURE

Depart Home for Athens, Greece

DAY 2 May 19 - ATHENS

Arrive in Athens, Greece

Airport Transfer

Check-in, Refresh and Relax

Orientation Walking Tour - *The group will become oriented with their neighborhood, the public transportation systems, nearby pharmacies, markets, ATMs, etc. Additionally, an in-depth safety briefing will be provided for what to do in case of an emergency.*

Welcome Dinner - *The group will be taken for an authentic dinner with a wide variety of menu options to cater all diets.*

DAY 3 May 20 - ATHENS

Breakfast & Day Briefing

Athens Historical & Cultural Walking Tour - *Syntagma Square, Change of the Guards, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Hadrian's Arch, Plaka, Monastiraki, and more.*

Visit the Acropolis Hill and the New Acropolis Museum - *Democracy open air class and ancient parliament visit. Passing through the great gateway of the Propylaea, we will see the fabled temples of Periclean Athens - Athena Nike nestling on the rock's shoulder, the Erechtheion with its patient caryatids and the incomparable Parthenon.*

DAY 4 May 21 - ATHENS

Breakfast & Day Briefing

Cooking Class and Food tasting - *The group will visit the local markets and prepare a three-course traditional meal (lunch included)*

Transfer to Delphi

Stop to Arachova - *We will stop here to explore this traditional Greek Village and have a lunch break*

Arrive in Delphi and Overnight

DAY 5 May 22 - DELPHI

Breakfast & Day Briefing

Sanctuary of Apollo - *Located amidst breathtaking scenery in central Greece, the Sanctuary of Apollo at Ancient Delphi was the most important sacred site in the Greek world*

Museum and Sanctuary of Athena - *A short walk down the hill we find the Sanctuary of Athena "Pronaia" (also spelled Pronaea, meaning 'the one before' the temple of Apollo), was the first one met by the visitor who came to Delphi on foot from the eastern road, hence its name.*

Transfer to Nafplion

En route stop to Nafpaktos - *Known in history for the naval battle that took place there (Lepanto).*

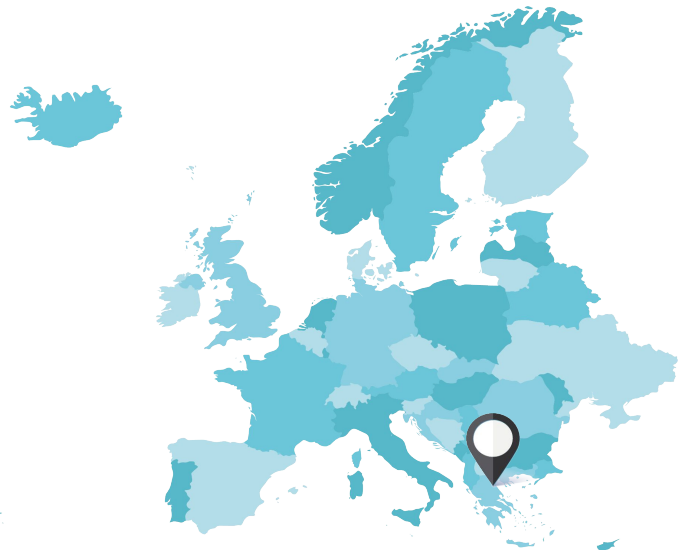
DAY 6 May 23 - NAFPLION

Breakfast & Day Briefing

Mycenae Walking Tour - *It is among the most important archaeological sites in Greece. It is located on the eastern side of Peloponnese, close to Nafplion Town.*

Epidaurus Theatre

Return to Nafplion and free time





YOUR PROGRAM ITINERARY

DAY 7 May 24 - **SANTORINI**

Breakfast & Day Briefing

Transfer to Santorini - *Via bus and ferry (approx 8 hours)*

DAY 8 May 25 - **SANTORINI**

Breakfast & Day Briefing

Panoramic coach tour of the island

Structured Free time and Cultural immersion

DAY 9 May 26 - **ATHENS**

Breakfast & Day Briefing

Free morning in Santorini

Transfer to Athens

DAY 10 May 27 - **ATHENS**

Breakfast & Day Briefing

Full Day Excursion Cape Sounion

Swim at Lake Vouliagmeni - *The water temperature is between 22 to 29 degrees Celsius throughout the year. The water is constantly being renewed both by the thermal springs and the sea and this results in its brackish composition.*

Temple of Poseidon at Cape Sounion - *This magnificent Doric temple stands on a vertical precipice, enjoying a breathtaking 180 degrees view of the open sea. The ancient Greeks always chose to build their temples and oracles at places with palpable energy and Cape Sounion is definitely one of them.*

Return to Athens

Farewell Dinner and Program Closing

DAY 11 May 28 - **ATHENS**

Breakfast & Day Briefing

Free day in Athens

Suggestions:

Aegina full day Excursion

Traditional Dance Workshop

Day Cruise Island Hop on- Hop off

DAY 12 May 29 - **RETURN**

Breakfast & Day Briefing

Airport Transfer

Depart Athens, Greece for Home



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PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Acropolis Hill
- Delphi Archaeological Site
- Delos Archaeological Site
- Greek Cooking Class
- Mykonos Tour
- Vineyard Tour and Testing

PROGRAM INCLUDES

- 10 Nights of Accommodation
 - 2-6 people per room for participants, each with their own bed and ensuite bathroom
 - Single for faculty/program leader with ensuite bathroom
 - Free wifi and daily continental breakfast
- All Ground Transportation
- Welcome & Farewell Dinners
- Historical & Cultural Walking Tours
- Full Time On Site Program Director Available 24/7 in case of Emergencies
- 24/7 On-Ground Emergency Support
- SAA's Mandatory [Health Insurance](#)* (see next page)
- SAA's \$5m Liability Insurance (COI available upon request)
- Tips & Gratuities

NOT INCLUDED

- International Airfare
- Meals Not Specified
- Passport and Visa Fees (if applicable)
- Single Room Upgrade Costs for Participants
- Classroom/Meeting Space
- Optional Activities and Suggestions
- [Optional Travelers Insurance and/or CFAR/IFAR](#)
- Personal Expenses

ALL OF OUR PROGRAMS ARE 100% CUSTOMIZABLE

Is there an experience you'd like to provide the students that's not included in the itinerary?

Let's add it!

Are there sites that better fit your subject than the ones provided?

Let's swap them!

Tell us your dream itinerary and we'll work with you to make it a reality.



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IMPORTANT POLICIES

We want to make sure all students traveling from the USA to Europe are aware about the upcoming new requirements to enter Europe scheduled to start in 2025 where everyone will have to apply for the [ETIAS Travel authorization](#).

"Study Abroad Association does not advise on any passport, entry/exit requirements or visa issues." This is being provided for informational purposes only.

Please note these important details related to this program. Many of these deadlines and policies are tied to accommodations and on-site arrangement needs. We are happy to review these on a case-by-case basis to meet your institutional needs.

SAA'S MANDATORY INTERNATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE

In order for SAA to best mitigate risk and manage emergencies, we do not allow a waiver of our policy at this time. SAA includes in the cost of the program a [GeoBlue international medical and travel health policy managed by LewerMark](#). In the case where a school has an institutional policy, participants will carry two insurances with SAA's medical and travel plan paying primary. This cost is covered in the SAA program fee and promotes operational efficiency for all our on-ground teams. SAA staff are familiar with the SAA insurance policy, understand where providers are located and how to contact them, and can manage emergencies abroad with greater speed and accuracy. A key feature of our policy includes a direct pay network abroad. This unique feature greatly reduces the possibility of the costly, inconvenient, and sometimes impossible task of securing payment in order to access treatment. The plan also covers pre-existing conditions and includes post-departure trip interruption transportation and lodging benefits, which cover any cases of quarantine needed onsite for COVID during the program. It also includes full coverage for medical evacuation and repatriation, as well as up to \$10k for Accidental Death and Dismemberment.

REFUNDS, PROGRAM CANCELLATIONS, AND CONDITIONS

- Individual Participant Cancellation: Up until the withdrawal deadline, deposits are refundable in the event of an individual participant's decision to cancel their participation. After the withdrawal deadline, no refund shall be provided, and participant is still 100% responsible for final payment, regardless of participation or early departure.
- Institutional Cancellation of the Program: Cancellations by the institution are subject to the following policies:
 - Cancellation **150-100 days** before departure - SAA shall refund the deposit paid per person
 - Cancellation **99-80 days** before departure - SAA shall retain the deposit per person and will return any other recoverable costs available
 - Cancellations **79 days before departure to the arrival day** - No refund shall be provided
 - Refunds of payments made to SAA may take up to three months or more depending on timing of refunds made to SAA from overseas contractors
- Study Abroad Association may cancel any program for events beyond its control, such as a natural disaster or security concern in the program destination. Should a program need to be cancelled for safety reasons before the withdrawal date or while students are on-site, SAA will work with the institution to determine jointly the viability of running the program on a case-by-case basis. In such a case, SAA will make reasonable effort to return recoverable costs to the institution or students. Any refunds or future travel credits will be determined by the airline, hotel, transportation, and on-ground providers.
- Replacement of Program Participant: If an initial program participant is not able to attend the program or cancels for any reason other than those stated above, your institution may request a replacement participant to fill that spot. Additional fees may apply for such a change, such as ticket name change or single room upgrades.

IMPORTANT DEADLINES AND PAYMENT DETAILS



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<p>Enrollment Confirmation Deadline:</p> <p>November 19, 2024</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 180 days prior to departure the institution will send SAA the initial roster of participants • If the program does not meet the minimum number of participants by this date, the program can be cancelled without penalty • Upon receipt of the roster, SAA will send the deposit invoice for the number of participants on the roster
<p>Drop/Add Deadline and Deadline for any special housing requests:</p> <p>December 19, 2024</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 150 days prior to departure is the last date to add/drop participants, including, students, faculty, or guest • 100 days prior to departure is also the deadline when any special housing requests must be made, such as a single-room upgrade
<p>Passport Information and Details Due</p> <p>March 19, 2025</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 60 days before departure SAA needs to receive passport details for all participants in order to confirm reservations on-site
<p>Withdrawal Deadlines:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Withdrawal or cancellation > 100 days before departure (February 7, 2025), SAA shall refund the deposit paid per person • Withdrawal or cancellation 99-80 days before departure (February 27, 2025), SAA shall retain the deposit per person and will return any other recoverable costs available • Withdrawal or cancellation 79 days before departure (February 28, 2025) to the arrival day, no refund shall be provided
<p>Program Payment Deadlines:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 150 days prior to departure \$500 per person is due and payable by December 19, 2024. • 90 days prior to departure, the second payment in the amount of 50% of the remaining amount is due and payable by February 17, 2025. • 60 days prior to departure, the third and final payment in the amount of the remaining amount is due and payable by March 19, 2025.