



The 15th Annual Journey to Greece 2020 Summer Program

June 20 – July 17, 2020

Summer of 2020, study at a fully accredited US University in Greece; learn about modern and ancient Greece. Leave your myth in Greece! See and experience the beauty of the country and its people and earn transferable University credits!

Building on the solid foundation of the highly successful Journey to Greece programs that have been offered in every year since 2006, AHEPA and Webster University are once again offering an unforgettable learning experience for new and returning college age students. The **Journey to Greece** program has been specially designed to immerse young students in a wonderful learning experience celebrating Greek society and culture. **New courses, exciting excursions and special arrangements make the Journey especially attractive to returning students.**

About Webster University

History

Webster University, founded in 1915 with its home campus based in St. Louis, Missouri, USA, is the only Tier 1, private, nonprofit university with campus locations around the world including metropolitan, military, online and corporate, as well as American-style traditional campuses in North America, Europe and Asia. With over 200,000 Alumni and 17,000 students from 50 States and 148 Countries Webster is defining global education for the future. Small, highly interactive classes encourage innovation, collaboration, and self-expression. Students have all the advantages of a student-centered university that supports personalized learning and gives every student an opportunity to excel. Webster University Study Abroad programs are ranked in the top 2 percent by *U.S. News & World Report's* "America's Best Colleges 2019."

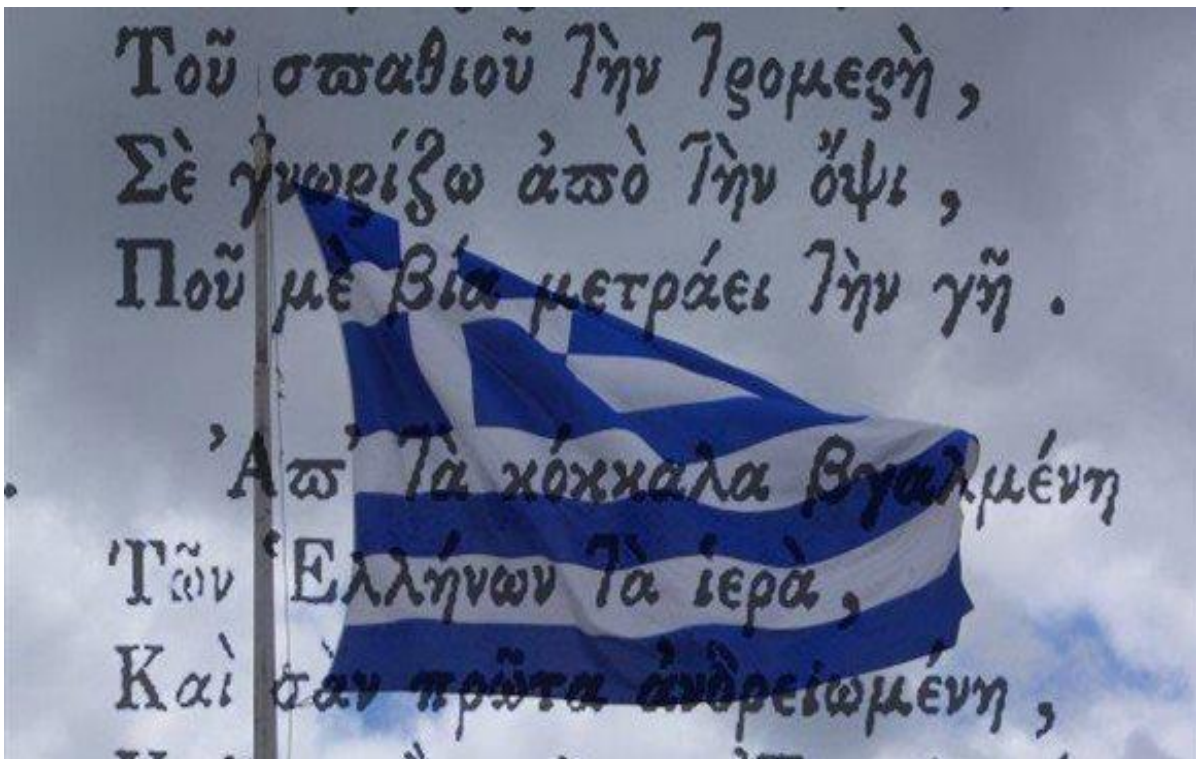
Accreditation

The Higher Learning Commission [HLC of the NCA] accredits Webster University.

Further, prestigious accreditation bodies in their respective fields accredit the various schools/ departments of the University.



The Webster University Cultural Center in Plaka



The AHEPA/Webster University Journey to Greece 2020 Program

The Order of AHEPA has produced this program with Webster University.

The Journey to Greece will run in 2020:

- **June 21 [arrive Athens] – July 17 [depart Athens]**

Students arriving between 9:30am and 14:30pm will be met at the Athens airport and transported by private coach to the Athens Campus. All students will enjoy a comprehensive orientation session that will include a tour of the surrounding area to familiarize them with both University procedures and the immediate neighborhood. Regular detailed information will be sent to all students and parents after students have been accepted into the Journey to Greece program. All applications will be processed by AHEPA Headquarters, 1909 Q Street, NW, Suite 500, Washington DC 20009. Additional information will be posted at the AHEPA website: www.ahepa.org/journey/. All questions regarding the program should be sent to: mazarakist@webster.edu

Students attending the program will be housed in shared rooms in specially selected, university apartments and/or a 3/4-star Hotel, if the University apartments are not available, in very close proximity to the University in the Plaka area of Athens. Apartment housing will include kitchen facilities, air conditioned or fan equipped rooms, laundry facilities and Internet. If University housing is not available and a Hotel is used breakfast will be included.



Courses, Transcripts and Transfer Credits

With its extraordinary artistic, intellectual and cultural heritage, Athens is richly endowed with resources for formal study and experiential learning. The museums at the Acropolis and the ancient Agora, as well as the National Archaeological Museum, the new Acropolis Museum, the Cycladic Museum, and the Benaki collections are within minutes of the facilities of Webster University in Athens.

Arriving in Athens all students will undergo a full day orientation by the University and a tour of the surrounding area to familiarize students with both University procedures and living in Athens. The orientation and welcome reception will help students get to know their environment and welcome them to Athens. All students will attend classes each day from Monday to Friday. Special arrangements will be

made for students to make several very meaningful visits and excursions during their stay!

Students must have their local school address and counselor's contact information to be sure that their transcripts are sent to the proper place. It is strongly recommended that all students show the syllabus of the courses they select to their academic advisor to be sure that their University approves the credits. Transcripts are sent from the Webster University home campus in St. Louis directly to their school.

All classes offered will not only provide an unforgettable learning experience but will also provide students with 3 transferable University credits per course. Academic credit is transferred to a student's home institution by an official transcript issued by Webster University. Students will be able to earn up to 6 transferable university credits.

Courses will incorporate visits to the archaeological sites and museums. Students will also benefit from use of the University Library, Computer lab, including Internet access, and the magnificent Webster University Cultural Center located at the Roman Agora amid the ancient ruins of Athens.

The University will arrange meetings with dignitaries in Athens and invite speakers to further enhance the learning experience throughout their stay.



Important Notes:

- *Students will sign-up for classes on a first come first serve basis and classes will close when maximum numbers are reached.*
- *All University/College students must provide evidence of good academic standing [official transcript or official letter].*
- *High School seniors or graduates must provide a High School transcript and a letter from their Principal stating that they are capable of handling University level work or apply to Webster University for undergraduate admission.*
- *Students are advised to present course descriptions to their Universities for approval to be sure course credits will count towards their degrees.*



1. Courses

Students take up to two 3cr courses from:

- Community Service Learning
- Civic Engagement & Community Leadership
- Modern Greek History & Politics
- Elementary Modern Greek
- Modern Greek Society & Culture
- Greek Art & Archaeology
- Greek Mythology & Religion

2. Excursions

All excursions, which are designed with learning in mind as much as having fun, form an integral part of the program:

1. Two Day Trip to Arachova, Delphi, Olympia, Corinth, Acrocorinth

Guided by scholars, students will immerse themselves in the lives of ancient Greeks and will fill their minds with art, politics, culture and mythology that defined Greece.

Day One

In the morning and on the way to Olympia you will pass over the Corinth Canal where large vessels are towed by tugboats through the narrow channel. You will visit the ancient site of Corinth and Acrocorinth. Corinth, or Korinth (Greek: Κόρινθος, *Kórinthos*) which was a city-state (polis) on the Isthmus of Corinth, the narrow stretch of land that joins the Peloponnesus to the mainland of Greece, roughly halfway between Athens and Sparta. The modern town of Corinth is located approximately 5 kilometers (3.1 mi) northeast of the ancient ruins. Since 1896, systematic archaeological investigations have revealed large parts of the ancient city, and recent excavations conducted by the Greek Ministry of Culture have brought important new facets of antiquity to light.

In the afternoon you will travel to Ancient Olympia where you will visit the archeological site, dedicated to the father of the gods – Zeus. Olympia is the birthplace of the Olympic Games. In Olympia, you will explore the temples of Zeus and Hera and the stadium and gymnasium where athletes competed. Then visit the museum where the masterpiece – Hermes of Praxiteles – is housed. Dinner and overnight stay in Ancient Olympia.



Day Two

After breakfast, the tour takes you through Rio and the Rio-Antirrio bridge to the center of Ancient World, **Delphi**. In Delphi, you will visit the archaeological site - Apollo's sanctuary with the famous Oracle. Here the museum is rich in examples of Greek art including the masterpiece – the Charioteer. On the way back to Athens

visit the picturesque village of Arachova on Mount Parnassos and pass by the city of Livadia.



2. One-Day 3 Island Cruise: Hydra, Poros & Aegina

The cruise takes you to three magnificent Saronic Gulf islands: **Hydra**, **Poros** and **Aegina**. On Poros and Aegina you will find unique features such as the mansions of the great captains and admirals from the last century with their own characteristic architecture and the horses and buggies to take you around the island. On Hydra the buildings are in traditional style; decorated with wooden painted ceilings, marble fountains and furniture that take you far into the past.

Hydra: Known for its extraordinary light that made it popular to foreign artists who settled with their canvasses on its wharf and never returned home since! There are no vehicles to disrupt the island's serene elegance -- but the visitor can walk the island or ride a mule to its fishing ports and natural lookouts. Fifteen mansions built of local stone in the 19th century by captains and admirals still survive today, as well as the decorated buildings with wooden painted ceilings, marble fountains and furniture that take you into the past.

Poros: The Island of "The Sleeping Lady" -- a mountain range in the background in the shape of a reclining woman. Poros is actually two islands joined and linked to Peloponnese by a causeway. Vibrant with artistic and commercial life and known for its fragrant nature, especially its Lemon Grove -- on the side of Peloponnese. The Temple of Poseidon adorns its hills. The 19th c. houses climb to the apex of the island - its Clock. You can climb up there too!





Aegina: The largest of the three. Rich in mythology and history - the political rival of Athens in antiquity. A commuter island today, serving many Athenians who work in the mainland. The outstanding landmark on the island is the Temple of Aphaia, one of the best-preserved Doric temples in Greece, first built in 570 BCE on a site that was used for worship since the 13th c. BCE. Horse-drawn carriages or rental bikes are at the disposal of the visitor. The art of pottery still predominates since antiquity, and the island is proud of its pistachios, the best in the world.

3. Naxos Island Trip: Visit Chora, Agios Georgios, Agios Prokopios, Agia Anna, Plaka

Naxos; in Greek, Νάξος, pronounced ['naksos]) is a Greek island, the largest island (429 km² (166 sq mi)) in the Cyclades island group in the Aegean. It was the center of archaic Cycladic culture. The largest town & capital of the island is Chora or Naxos City, with 6,533 inhabitants (2001 census). The main villages are Filoti, Apiranthos, Vivlos, Agios Arsenios, Koronos and Glinado. Naxos is a popular tourist destination, with several ruins. It has several beaches, such as those at Agia Anna, Agios Prokopios, Alikos, Kastraki, Mikri Vigla, Plaka, and Agios Georgios, most of them near Chora. Naxos is the most fertile island of the Cyclades. It has a good supply of water in a region where water is usually inadequate. Mount Zeus (1003 meters) is the highest peak in the Cyclades, and tends to trap the clouds, permitting greater rainfall. This has made agriculture an important economic sector with various vegetable and fruit crops as well as cattle breeding, making Naxos the most self-sufficient island in the Cyclades. Naxos is also known within Greece for its potatoes.



According to Greek mythology, the young Zeus was raised in a cave on Mt. Zas ("Zas" meaning "Zeus"). Homer mentions "Dia"; literally the sacred island "of the Goddess". One legend has it that in the Heroic Age before the Trojan War, Theseus



abandoned the princess Ariadne of Crete on this island after she helped him kill the Minotaur and escape from the Labyrinth. Dionysus (god of wine, festivities, and the primal energy of life) who was the protector of the island, met Ariadne and fell in love with her. But eventually Ariadne, unable to bear her separation from Theseus, either killed herself (according to the Athenians), or ascended to heaven (as the older versions had it). The Naxos portion of the Ariadne myth is also told in the Richard Strauss opera *Ariadne auf Naxos*. The giant brothers Otus and Ephialtes figure in at least two Naxos myths: in one, Artemis bought the abandonment of a siege they laid against the gods, by offering to live on Naxos as Otus's lover; in another, the brothers had actually settled Naxos.



4. Athens Open Tour

Discover **Athens, Piraeus, Riviera & Beaches** with Athens Open Tour, the **first Greek double-decker Get on Get off bus company!** Enjoy on your own or as a group Athens, Piraeus, Riviera & Beaches [over 48 hours] on the yellow open top

buses. Get in touch with the Greek civilization, history and architecture and learn all about the old and modern city of Athens and Piraeus in your own language. Athens, Piraeus,



Riviera & Beaches tours run daily with a 15-30 min frequency time schedule from 08.00 until 20.00 during the summer season April to November.

5. Cape Sounion



Drive along the Attica coastal road and after passing Glyfada, Vouliagmeni and Varkiza we will visit to the most southern point of Attica Cape Sounion and the Temple of Poseidon. On the way, you will enjoy the splendid view of the Saronic Gulf and the little islands offshore.



AHEPA JTG students at the Hellenic Parliament



The Program fee includes:

- ✓ Tuition [up to 6 credits]
- ✓ Webster University Transcripts
- ✓ Webster Athens Certificate
- ✓ Orientation, Welcome & Farewell Receptions
- ✓ Local Guide, Entrance Fees, Gratuities
- ✓ Athens, Piraeus, Riviera & Beaches Open Tour
- ✓ Airport Transfers for group Arrivals & Departures in Greece
- ✓ Visit to the U.S. Embassy
- ✓ Visit to the Archdiocese
- ✓ Visit to the Hellenic Parliament
- ✓ Visit to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- ✓ AHEPA Local Chapter Events & Pool Party
- ✓ Group excursion[s] & lodging while in Greece
- ✓ Acropolis visit
- ✓ Agora, Benaki Museum, Archeological Museum Visits
- ✓ "WebsterUAboard" Acropolis magnificent view study area
- ✓ Wireless Internet Access
- ✓ 24/7 emergency staff support while in Athens
- ✓ Airport/Port Transfers for group Arrivals & Departures in Greece
[9:30am - 14:30pm]
- ✓ Lunch during the One Day - 3 Island Cruise
- ✓ Breakfast during the Hotel stays

- ✓ Access to the Library and Computer Facilities
- ✓ + many more other activities such as those that took place in the JTG Trips in 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019 !!!



COST PER PERSON FOR BOOKINGS BEFORE April 20, 2020

Summary of Program Costs

Bookings before April 20, 2020	\$ 4,145.00
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Payment Terms

- \$ 995 deposit is required by April 20, 2020
- Final payment of the balance by May 25, 2020
- A \$ 150 payment surcharge will be applied to all bookings made after April 20, 2020

All payments are made to “AHEPA Journey to Greece.” Checks and credit cards are accepted. Payments are made to: AHEPA Journey to Greece, Suite 500, 1909 Q Street, NW, Washington DC 20009.

N.B. Refundable Housing Deposits of \$ 150 per student are required from each student and will be payable in Athens. This can be presented in the form of personal checks which will not be cashed unless a penalty is warranted.

Refund policy

- Cancellations before May 10, 2020 will receive a refund of 100% of the amount paid less the AHEPA \$ 150 Administration fee and the \$ 995 deposit*
- Cancellations after May 10, 2020 will receive a refund of 50% of the amount paid less the AHEPA \$ 150 Administration fee and the \$ 995 deposit*
- Cancellations after May 20, 2020 will receive no refund

*Less any transfer or bank charges incurred.

Important Notes

It is mandatory for all participants to purchase travel insurance to cover any cancellations.

Insurance is not included. All students are required to have a travel insurance package to include cancellation insurance, health, baggage etc.



ITG 2020 --- Tentative Schedule

June	S	20	Travel to Athens	Depart USA
	N	21	Orientation	Arrive Athens
	M	22	Classes	Athens
	T	23	Classes - Athens Open Tour	Athens
	W	24	Classes - Athens Open Tour	Athens
	R	25	Classes	Athens
	F	26	Classes - Ancient Senate	Athens
	S	27	Trip to Cape Sounion	Athens
	N	28	2 Day Land Excursion	Olympia
	M	29	2 Day Land Excursion	Athens
	T	30	Classes	Athens

July	W	1	Classes	Athens
	R	2	Classes	Athens
	F	3	Classes	Athens
	S	4	3 Day Naxos Excursion	Naxos
	N	5	3 Day Naxos Excursion	Naxos
	M	6	3 Day Naxos Excursion	Athens
	T	7	Classes	Athens
	W	8	Classes	Athens
	R	9	Classes	Athens
	F	10	Classes	Athens
	S	11	One Day 3 Island Cruise	Athens
	N	12	AHEPA Local Chapter Event	Athens
	M	13	Classes	Athens
	T	14	Classes	Athens
	W	15	Classes	Athens
	R	16	Classes	Athens
	F	17		Depart Athens

- Webster University reserves the right to move the excursions +/- a week

