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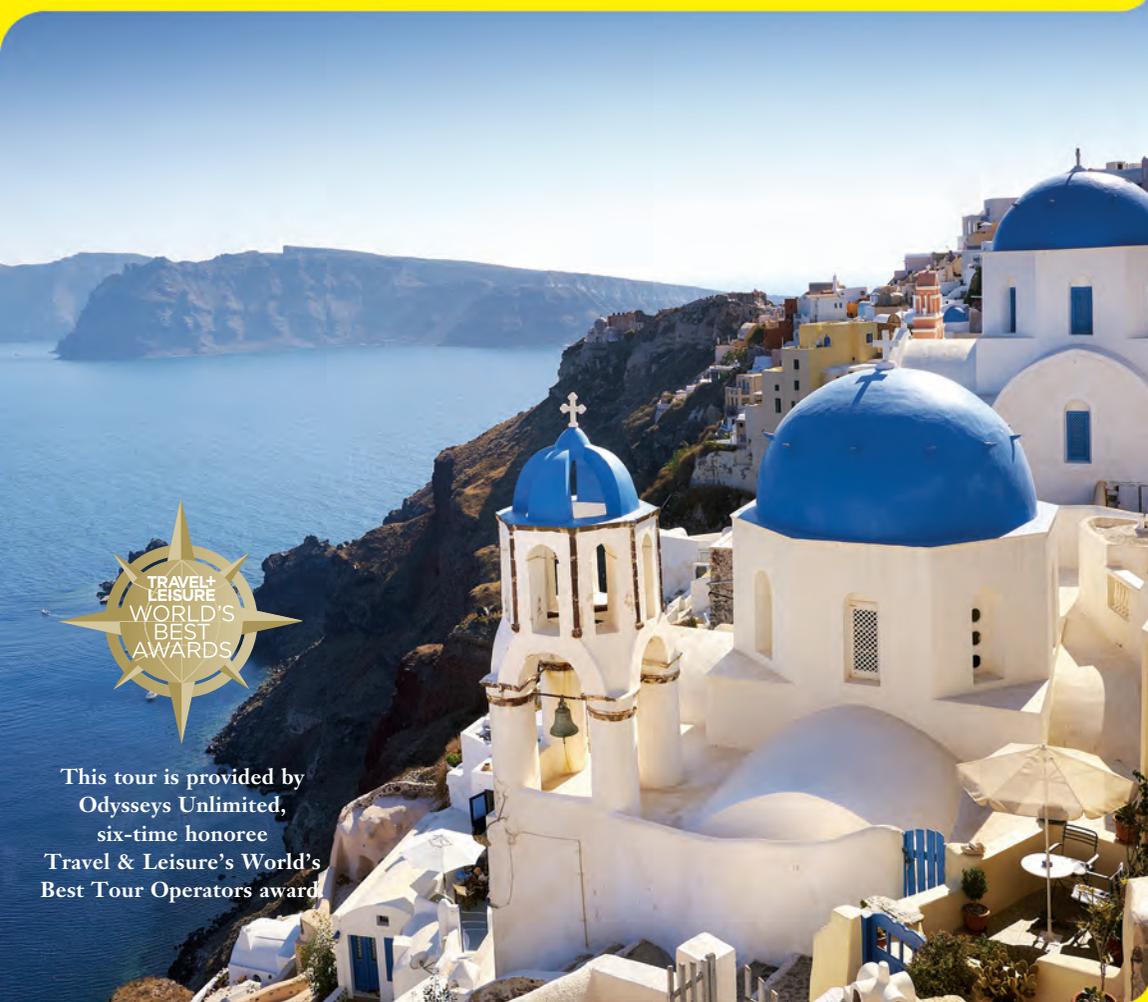
CLASSIC GREEK ISLES

With Athens & Crete

September 25-October 7, 2017

13 days for \$6,497 total price from Houston

(\$5,595 air, land & cruise inclusive plus \$597 airline taxes and fees; \$305 port taxes)



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An Exclusive Small Group Tour for the
Alumni, Parents, and Friends of Rice University



Dear Rice alumni, parents, and friends,

Join us on an exclusive small group tour of the Greek Isles. Experience the natural beauty and history of Greece while enjoying a relaxed cruising experience.

Begin in Athens with a visit to the magnificent Parthenon atop the Acropolis that affords spectacular views of the city below. Travel inland to central Greece and traverse the enigmatic ruins of Delphi, including the Sanctuary of Apollo. The centerpiece of your tour is a seven-night cruise aboard the M/Y Harmony G, arriving in new ports each day and visiting sites such as the sacred island of Delos; ancient Knossos on Crete; and the imposing ruins of Mycenae. Other exciting ports of call include Santorini and Mykonos, and your cruise also takes you to the Peloponnese region on the Greek mainland.

With space for only 24 Rice-affiliated guests in total, we expect this tour to fill quickly. Book today and secure your place on this unforgettable tour of the Greek Isles!

Warm Regards,

Dan Stypa
Associate Director of Alumni Programs
Office of Alumni Relations

RICE UNIVERSITY RESERVATION FORM: CLASSIC GREEK ISLES

Enclosed is my/our deposit for \$_____ (\$500 per person) for ____ person/people on Classic Greek Isles departing September 25, 2017. I/we understand the final payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure. Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, VISA, or by personal check. Please make check payable to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. and send with completed registration form to: Rice Alumni Traveling Owls – MS 520, Rice University, P.O. Box 1892, Houston, TX 77251-1892. Or call the Rice Alumni Traveling Owls at 713-34-TRIPS, or e-mail travelingowls@rice.edu. You may also fax your reservation to 713-348-5210.

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Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Home Ph. (_____) _____ Cell Ph. (_____) _____

E-mail _____ Badge Name(s) _____

Please book my/our air from _____ I/we request an air upgrade to _____

I will share a room with _____ I request a single room (limited availability)

I/we request a cabin upgrade to: Category B Category A Category P

Please Note: The undersigned has read the schedule of activities for Classic Greek Isles, September 25-October 7, 2017, and agrees that their signature below represents their acceptance of the General Terms and Conditions.

Signature(s) _____ Date _____

Method of Payment Check American Express Discover MasterCard VISA

Account # _____ Security Code _____ Exp. Date _____

Name of Cardholder _____

Signature _____

Final invoicing will be sent by our tour operator, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. The balance of the program price must be paid to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. Final payment is due 95 days prior to departure, and is payable by check or credit card.

Tour membership limited to 24 Rice alumni and friends

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Welcome aboard *Harmony G*, an intimate small ship on course through the azure waters of the Aegean to classic white-washed islands where the sun shines, the sea provides, and tradition prevails. Along with visits to Athens, cradle of civilization, and the island of Crete, rich in history and culture, this tour presents Greece in all its glory – and in a harmonious balance between traditional cruising and private yachting.



Day 1: Depart U.S. for Athens, Greece

Day 2: Athens We arrive in Greece's capital today and transfer to our hotel. As guests' arrival times may vary (with some arrivals scheduled in the evening), we have no group activities or meals planned.

Day 3: Athens On this morning's tour we visit the city's most important sites, including the 5th-century BCE Acropolis and Parthenon; and the renowned Acropolis Museum. Our afternoon is free to explore independently in this historic and monumental city. Tonight we enjoy a welcome dinner. *B,D*

Day 4: Delphi We travel today to central Greece to explore Delphi, the most beautiful and celebrated ancient site of all. Nestled between twin cliffs and spilling out onto the Sacred Plain, Delphi is where the Oracle representing the revered god Apollo presided over the ancient world. We see the ruins of the Sanctuary of Apollo; walk the marble Sacred Way; and climb to the 4th-century CE theater still in use today. We also visit Delphi's museum that houses the bronze "Charioteer," one of antiquity's greatest statues. We return to Athens late afternoon. *B,L*

Day 5: Athens/Cruising – Kea This morning is free for independent exploration; early this afternoon we transfer to Athens' port of Piraeus to board the *Harmony G*. We begin our Greek isles idyll as we cruise to tiny Kea, where we can explore on our own after this evening's welcome aboard dinner. *B,D*

Day 6: Cruising – Delos/Mykonos Today we call on the island of Delos, once the religious and political center of the Aegean, and today an important archaeological site devoid of inhabitants, as it has been for more than 2,000 years. We take a guided walking tour of the superb ruins here. After lunch on board *Harmony G* we have an opportunity to swim in the Aegean as we cruise to nearby Mykonos, where our ship overnights. The remainder of the day and evening is free to enjoy

Avg. High (°F)	Sep	Oct
Athens	84	75
Crete	82	73

Your Small Group Tour Highlights

Seven-night Greek isles cruise aboard intimate small ship ... Casual onboard atmosphere ... Athens touring, including Acropolis and Parthenon ... Full-day excursion to ancient Delphi ... Three included shore excursions: Delos' important ruins; Palace of Knossos in Heraklion; Mycenae, a UNESCO World Heritage site ... Overnight stop in celebrated Mykonos ... Picturesque Santorini ... Venetian-tinged Rethymnon, Crete ... Charming car-free Hydra ... Opportunities for swimming and water sports from *Harmony G* ... Ability to cruise to secluded harbors and hideaways

Day	Itinerary	Hotel	Rating
1	Depart U.S. for Athens		
2-4	Athens	Electra Palace Hotel	Deluxe
5-11	Greek Isles Cruise	M/Y <i>Harmony G</i>	First Class
12	Athens	Electra Palace Hotel	Deluxe
13	Depart for U.S.		

Ratings are based on the Hotel & Travel Index, the travel industry standard reference.

Cover photo: On Day 7 we visit Santorini, considered one of the world's most beautiful islands.



We visit many ports of call, including the island of Crete.

this popular and very pretty island at our leisure. Dinner tonight is on our own. **B,L**

Day 7: Cruising – Santorini We depart early this morning and enjoy a leisurely cruise to Santorini, the southernmost of the Cycladic islands. Once believed to have been the legendary lost island of Atlantis, Santorini today attracts both Greeks and visitors alike with its stupendous setting of whitewashed villages sitting atop the jagged cliffs of a crescent-shaped caldera amidst the cobalt sea. Here we have time to explore on our own, or to join in an optional excursion to local villages and archaeological sites. **B,D**

Day 8: Cruising – Rethymnon, Crete/Knossos After reaching this port city today, we embark on an included private shore excursion to ancient Knossos, political center of Minoan civilization and legendary home of King Minos, the Labyrinth, and the Minotaur. Unlike other Grecian ruins, Knossos has been widely reconstructed and its frescoes repainted – a controversial preservation technique no longer practiced today. Still, the results offer an interesting perspective on an ancient site. We enjoy lunch at a local restaurant then return to Rethymnon, where there's time to explore the picturesque port on our own before we reboard *Harmony G* and enjoy dinner on board. **B,L,D**

Day 9: Cruising – Kythira We enjoy a relaxed swim stop late morning then cruise to the island of Kythira, nestled at the foot of the Peloponnese between the Ionian and Aegean seas. After arriving mid-afternoon, we are at leisure to enjoy this peaceful gem as we wish; Kythira boasts beautiful beaches and a lively capital, Chora, where dinner tonight is on our own. **B,L**

Day 10: Cruising – Monemvassia/Nafplion

Having cruised through the night, this morning we reach the Peloponnese region on the Greek mainland. We have free time to explore the fortified medieval town of Monemvassia, with its uniquely preserved period architecture. After returning to the ship for lunch, we stop for a swim as we cruise to Nafplion, another gem of a Venetian/Byzantine town. We disembark early this evening, with time to wander the charming narrow streets. **B,L**

Day 11: Cruising – Mycenae/Hydra

A UNESCO World Heritage site, the imposing ruins at Mycenae represent the pinnacle of Mycenaean civilization, dating from the 15th to 12th centuries BCE. This morning we tour this ancient city that contributed to the development of classic Greek



Iconic lighthouse of Mykonos overlooking the harbor

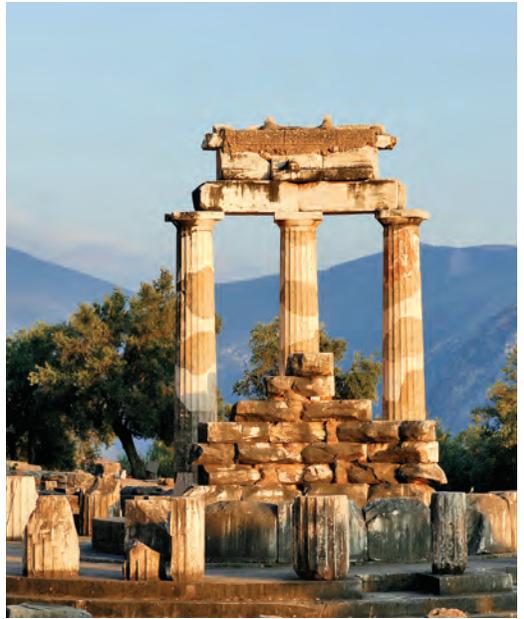
"ALL MAN'S GAINS ARE
THE FRUIT OF VENTURING."

– HERODOTUS

culture (and hence Western civilization) and also is linked to Homer's epics, the *Iliad* and *The Odyssey*. Then we depart for Hydra, with its well-preserved traditional town with a car-free center. We have time to explore the town as we wish before returning to *Harmony G. B,D*

Day 12: Cruising – Piraeus/Athens We disembark this morning and transfer to Athens, where we tour the acclaimed Benaki Museum, with a prized collection of Byzantine art. After a light lunch at the museum we check in at our hotel, where tonight we toast our adventure over a farewell dinner. *B,L,D*

Day 13: Depart for U.S. Early this morning we transfer to the airport, where we connect with our flights home. *B*



We tour the archaeological site of Delphi.

M/Y *Harmony G*



Launched: 2001
Refurbished: 2015
Length: 177 ft
Width: 23 ft

Cruising Speed: 10 knots
Cabins: 21
Crew: 16-18

Sleek yacht with indoor/outdoor lounge, bar, dining room, swimming platform, Sun Deck, outside cabins with TV/VCR and air conditioning

Tour Departs: September 25, 2017

Prices include international airfare and all taxes, surcharges, and fees.

Boston, New York, Washington, DC	\$6,297
Chicago, Houston	\$6,497
Atlanta, Charlotte, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Detroit, Los Angeles, Miami, Minneapolis, Orlando, Philadelphia, Tampa	\$6,597
Baltimore, Dallas, Denver, Phoenix, Portland (OR), San Francisco, Seattle	\$6,697
Land Only (transfers not included)	\$5,200

Please call if your city is not listed. Prices are per person based on double occupancy in a Category C outside cabin on Lower Deck and include airline taxes, surcharges, and fees of \$597, and port charges and cruise line fees of \$305, which are subject to change until final payment is made.

Single travelers please add \$1,795. All tour prices above (excluding airline taxes, surcharges, fees, and port charges and cruise line fees) are guaranteed.

Cabin upgrade to Category B outside cabin on Main Deck forward: \$495 (\$795 single); Category A outside cabin on Main Deck midship: \$695 per person (\$1,195 single); Category P outside cabin on Upper Deck: \$1,095 (\$1,795 single). Please note: Each cabin category has limited availability.

Airline upgrades on round-trip Trans-Atlantic flight: Business Class – \$3,895 per person; Premium Economy – \$895 per person in addition to the above costs (upgrades are subject to availability and pricing is subject to change).

Please note: This trip involves considerable walking on uneven or cobblestone streets and at sites of ancient ruins. You should be in good physical condition to enjoy the tour to the fullest.

For reservations and information, please call the Rice Alumni Traveling Owls at 713-34-TRIPS, or fax your reservation to 713-348-5210

Your Tour Price Includes

- Round-trip air transportation from listed cities
- 11 nights' accommodations: 7 nights aboard M/Y *Harmony G* (First Class); 4 nights in Deluxe hotel
- 23 meals: 11 breakfasts, 6 lunches, 6 dinners
- Extensive sightseeing as described, including all entrance fees
- Three private shore excursions
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
- Private motorcoach transportation throughout your trip
- Luggage handling for one bag per person
- Gratuities for local guides, dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Please read this information carefully, as payment of a \$500 deposit per person represents your acceptance of the following Terms and Conditions.

Not Included in Tour Price

Airfare when purchasing a Land Only package; costs of passports and visas; personal expenses such as beverages, laundry, room service, and meals not specified; airport transfers when purchasing a Land Only package; communication charges; optional sightseeing or shore excursions; gratuities to your Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director and shipboard personnel, which are at your discretion (suggested gratuities \$10-\$15 per day, per traveler); and travel protection insurance. Additional baggage fees may apply and are subject to change at any time. You should confirm directly with your airline(s) prior to departure.

Cancellations, Refunds, and Changes

If you must cancel your trip, the effective date of cancellation will be upon Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.'s receipt of your written notification. Refunds for cancellations are subject to the following per person charges: **cancel 95 days or more before departure: \$200 charge; cancel 94-65 days before departure: 50% of tour price; cancel 64-30 days before departure: 75% of tour price; cancel 29-0 days before departure: no refund.** If you make any changes to your reservation from 94 to 30 days prior to departure, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. will apply a \$100 per person administrative fee, in addition to any fees or penalties imposed by third parties. Changes are subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed. If your reservation changes from double occupancy to single occupancy for any reason, you will be charged the single supplement. **No changes are allowed within 30 days of departure.** Upon reservation you must provide your full legal name as it appears on your passport, as well as your date of birth and gender. In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, you will be responsible for charges associated with the ticket's reissue.

Please note: A minimum number of travelers is required to operate this tour. In the event that minimum numbers are not met, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. will refund any payments made, but is not responsible for fees that may be associated with travel arrangements and/or airline tickets made or purchased on your own.

Responsibility

The liability of the Office of Alumni Relations and Rice University, as sponsor, and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., as tour operator, is strictly limited. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. purchases transportation, hotel accommodations, and restaurant and other services from independent suppliers not under their control. We serve only as agents for these suppliers in securing tour arrangements, and therefore will not accept responsibility for wrongful, negligent, or arbitrary acts or omissions of these independent contractors, or of their employees, agents, servants, or representatives. The Office of Alumni Relations, Rice University, and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. are not liable for injury, damage, loss, accident, or delay that may be caused by events not within our control, including, without limitation, acts of terrorism, war, strikes, the defect of any vehicle, or the negligence or default of any third party. All coupons, receipts, and tickets issued are subject to the terms and conditions specified by the air carriers, cruise lines, and other independent suppliers.

We will make every effort to operate our tours as planned, but we reserve the right to make itinerary changes as necessary. If unforeseen circumstances require us to change a hotel, we will select alternative accommodations of the same or better quality.

Health and Medical Issues

We request that you be in good health to participate in this Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. tour. There is a reasonable amount of walking, and you must be able to get on and off motorcoaches and ships on your own. We regret that we cannot offer individual assistance; in such cases you must be accompanied by a companion who will assist you. Please note that our itineraries cannot accommodate wheelchairs. We reserve the right to remove anyone whose physical or mental condition, in our opinion, compromises the operation of the tour or detracts from the enjoyment or safety of the other passengers. In that event, the Office of Alumni Relations, Rice University, and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. assume no financial responsibility for any unused portion of the tour.

Air Transportation – Important Information

Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. includes in its tour price round-trip economy air from designated gateway cities as shown, and contracts with those airlines the company feels provide the level of service, routings, and value necessary for your entire trip. While another airline may offer a more direct connection, it may be at a price unavailable at the lower group rates. You will receive your preliminary air schedule approximately 2½ months prior to departure. **Please note that seat assignment on your international flight is usually done at airport check-in. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. is unable to guarantee any seat assignments.** Due to the nature of tour operator tickets, other restrictions apply, including, but not limited to, frequent flyer mileage accrual, stopovers, alternate travel dates, upgrades, and airline taxes and fees. If you prefer to make your own travel arrangements, Land Only is available on most tours. **Since international and domestic air schedules are subject to change at any time, we recommend that if you choose to make your own airline reservations, you do not purchase non-refundable tickets or those with high penalties for changes.** If you choose to make your own air arrangements, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., the Office of Alumni Relations, and Rice University shall not have any liability for any loss resulting from cancellation of this tour or changes in this tour.

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