



## The 12th Annual Journey to Greece 2017 Summer Program

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June 24 - July 22, 2017

Summer of **2017**, 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

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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, which is **sponsored by AHEPA**, 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. AHEPA adult advisors will help supervise the students while they attend the program.**

### 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 160,000 Alumni and 22,000 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 2016."

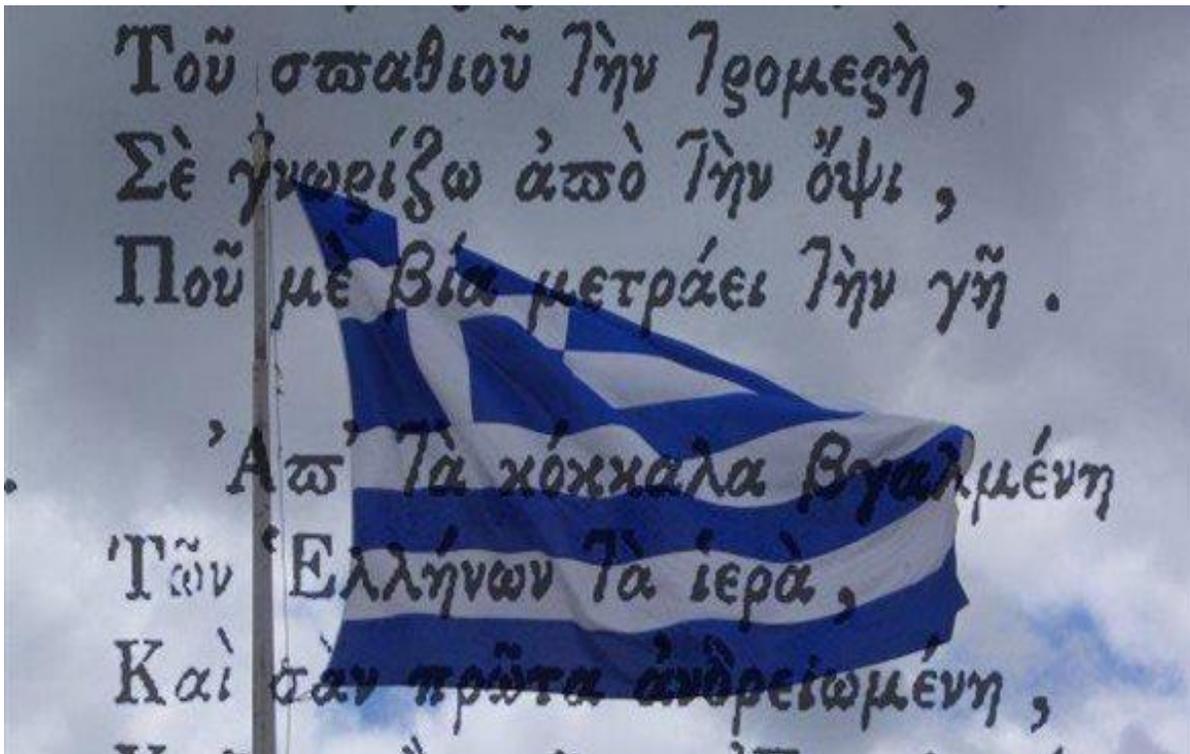
## Accreditation

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 2017 Program

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

### The Journey to Greece will run in 2017:

- **June 24 - July 22**
- **Flights should depart from the US June 24 to arrive in Athens June 25**

Students arriving between 9:30am and 14:30pm will be met at the Athens airport and transported by private coach to the Athens Campus. 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/](http://www.ahepa.org/journey/). All questions regarding the program should be sent to: [journey@ahpepa.org](mailto:journey@ahpepa.org) & [mazarakist@webster.edu](mailto: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 home campus directly 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 in the midst of 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:*

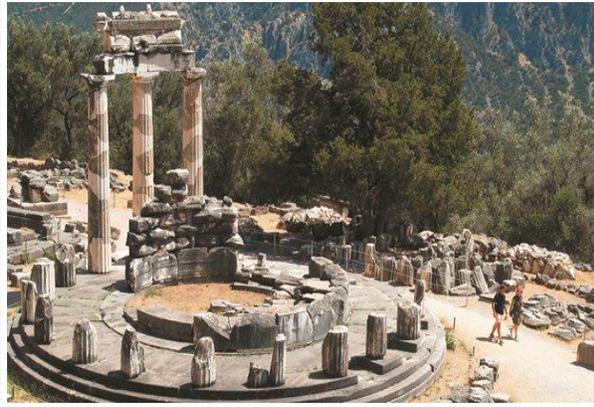
- *Students will sign-up for classes on a first come first serve basis and classes will close when maximum numbers are reached.*
- *All University/College students must provide evidence of good academic standing [official transcript or official letter].*
- *High School seniors or graduates must provide 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 - Learning & Service
- Civic Engagement & Community Leadership
- Community Project
- Elementary Modern Greek
- Modern Greek Society & Culture
- Greek Art & Archaeology
- Mysteries & Philosophy of Antiquity



## 2. Excursions

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

### **1. Land Excursion: Delphi, Meteora, Hosios Loukas, Arachova**

#### Day One

Drive north out of Athens, through the rich plains of Boeotia and the towns of Thebes, Levadia and Arachova arrive at **Hosios Loukas**. Hosios Loukas is a historic walled monastery situated near the town of Distomo, in Boeotia. It is one of the most important monuments of Middle Byzantine architecture and art, and has been listed on UNESCO's World Heritage Sites. After visiting Hosios Loukas travel to **Delphi**, the center of the Ancient World. On the slopes of the Mount Parnassus, in a landscape of unparalleled beauty and majesty, lie the ruins of the Sanctuary of Apollo Pythios. 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. The overnight stay is at the beautiful town of **Delphi**.



### Day Two

Photography day at the archaeological site of Delphi the picturesque village of Arahova and Delphi. Overnight stay is at **Delphi**.



### Day Three

Depart for **Kalambaka**, a small town situated at the foot of the astonishing gigantic rocks of **Meteora** for the overnight stay.



### Day Four

Visit Meteora, among striking scenery, perched on top of huge rocks which seem to be suspended in mid-air, stand ageless Monasteries, where you can see exquisite specimens of Byzantine art. Overnight in **Kalambaka**.

### Day Five

Return to Athens via Trikala, Lamia, Thermopylae [Leonida's 300 Monument]. Arrive in Athens in time to depart with the ferry from Piraeus to Chania.



## 2. Excursion to Crete: Chania, Rethymno and Heraklion



Crete (Greek: Κρήτη *Kríti*; [kriti]) is the largest and most populous of the Greek islands, the fifth-largest island in the Mediterranean Sea, and one of the thirteen administrative regions of Greece. It forms a significant part of the economy and cultural heritage of Greece while retaining its own local cultural traits (such as its own poetry, and music). Crete was once the center of the Minoan civilization (c. 2700–1420 BC), which is currently regarded as the earliest recorded civilization in Europe. Crete has its own distinctive Mantinades poetry. The island is known for its Mantinades-based music (typically performed with the Cretan lyra and the laouto) and has many indigenous dances, the most noted of which is the Pentozali. Cretan authors have made important contributions to Greek Literature throughout the modern period; major names include Vikentios Kornaros, creator of the 17th century epic romance *Erotokritos* (Greek Ερωτόκριτος), and in the 20th century Nikos Kazantzakis. In the Renaissance, Crete was the home of the Cretan School of icon painting, which influenced El Greco and through him subsequent European painting. Cretans are fiercely proud of their island and customs, and men often don elements of traditional dress in everyday life: knee-high black riding boots (*stivania*), *vráka* breeches tucked into the boots at the knee, black shirt and black headdress consisting of a fishnet-weave kerchief worn wrapped around the head or draped on the shoulders (the *sariki*). Black is the color of mourning, and since Cretan families are notionally considered so extended as to include great-grandparents or second cousins (although they may have little actual contact) as well as all their respective in-laws, one is theoretically justified to be in continuous mourning for some relative or other, however distant. On festive occasions those who are not in mourning wear white, most notably white boots and headdress. There is a large number of archaeological sites which include the Minoan sites of Knossos and Phaistos, the

classical site of Gortys, and the diverse archaeology of the island of Koufonisi which includes Minoan, Roman, and World War II ruins. There are a number of museums throughout Crete. The Heraklion Archaeological Museum displays most of the archaeological finds of the Minoan era.

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### 3. 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.

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AHEPA JTG students at the Hellenic Parliament

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**The Program fee includes:**

- ✓ Tuition [up to 6 credits]
- ✓ Webster University Transcripts
- ✓ Webster Athens Certificate
- ✓ Orientation, Welcome & Farewell Receptions
- ✓ 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], travel costs (Land Excursion & Chania-Rethimno-Heraklion) & lodging while in Greece
- ✓ Acropolis visit
- ✓ Agora, Benaki Museum, Archeological Museum Visits
- ✓ “WebsterUAbord” 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]
- ✓ Ship Tickets to Chania, Piraeus
- ✓ 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 and 2016 !!!

## **COST PER PERSON FOR BOOKINGS BEFORE March 10, 2017**

### **Summary of Program Costs**

Bookings before March 10, 2017 \$ 4,145.00

### **Payment Terms**

- \$ 995 deposit is required by March 10, 2017
- Final payment of the balance by April 25, 2017
- A \$ 150 payment surcharge will be applied to all bookings made after March 30, 2017

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 April 15, 2017 will receive a refund of 100% of the amount paid less the AHEPA \$ 150 Administration fee and the \$ 995 deposit\*
- Cancellations after April 15, 2017 will receive a refund of 50% of the amount paid less the AHEPA \$ 150 Administration fee and the \$ 995 deposit\*
- Cancellations after May 5, 2017 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 2016 --- Program Schedule

Jun	S	24		Depart USA
	N	25	Orientation	Athens
	M	26	Classes	Athens
	T	27	Classes	Athens
	W	28	Classes	Athens
	R	29	Classes	Athens
July	F	30	Classes	Athens
	S	1	AHEPA Local Chapter Event	Athens
	N	2	Land Excursion	Delphi
	M	3	Land Excursion	Delphi
	T	4	Land Excursion	Meteora
	W	5	Land Excursion	Meteora
	R	6	Meteora - Piraeus - Chania	Overnight On Board
	F	7	Crete	Chania
	S	8	Crete	Heraklion
	N	9	Crete	Overnight On Board
	M	10	Classes	Athens
	T	11	Classes	Athens
	W	12	Classes	Athens
	R	13	Classes	Athens
	F	14	Classes	Athens
	S	15	AHEPA Local Chapter Event	Athens
	N	16	Free Time	Athens
	M	17	Classes	Athens
	T	18	Classes	Athens
	W	19	Classes	Athens
	R	20	Trip to Cape Sounion	Athens
	F	21	Classes	Athens
	S	22		Depart Greece

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

