

American Celebration of Music in

Greece

An exclusive concert series for performance ensembles



Music Celebrations International
Concert Tours With Integrity



An Exclusive Concert Series

Greece is a country of immense interests, diverse cultures, and tremendous history. The people, literature, art, architecture, politics, music, traditions, language, beliefs, food, and customs- the history of all these aspects of Greece at once dominated the known world, and to this day still fascinate the imagination. The people of Greece speak of their country with intense passion, born from a great pride in this history.

Music is an integral part of Greek culture, and is as rich in diversity as its history. Greek music may best be broadly categorized by its traditional folk music, and by the music of the Byzantine period. Derived from ancient times, traditional Greek music is highly expressive and melodious, and in many ways originated as accompaniment to Greek theater. Greek music from Byzantine times was associated with the sacred chants of Christianity, and is distinguished by its modality.

The American Celebration of Music is a special annual performance-tour program, co-sponsored by local governments, music associations, community organizations, and tourist boards around the globe. In many countries this has developed into a prestigious, recognized, year-long concert-series festival. Recognition of this festival facilitates greater access to performance venues, official publicity, generally very successful

concert arrangements, and the ability to touch local cultures in a way that may not be done through other affiliations. This equates to more meaningful musical and emotional experiences for participating performance ensembles.

Imagine your group performing at one of the great archaeological sites of Ancient Greece! Many churches, cathedrals, theaters and concert halls also await visiting ensembles that participate in the American Celebration of Music!



Suggested Itinerary

ATHENS / ARGOLIS REGION / HYDRA
POROS / AEGINA

DAY ONE: ARRIVE

Depart via scheduled air service. The destination is Athens, Greece

DAY TWO: ATHENS

Arrive in Athens

Meet your MCI Tour Manager, who will assist the group to awaiting chartered motorcoach for a transfer to the hotel via orientation tour of Athens' highlights en route, including Constitution Square and Kendriki Agora (Central Market)

Late afternoon hotel check-in

Evening Welcome Dinner and overnight

DAY THREE: ATHENS

Participate in a tour of Athens, including a visit to the Acropolis (Parthenon). In spite of the destruction wrought by many centuries, most notably the devastating explosion in 1687, when a Venetian grenade blew up a Turkish powder magazine which had been housed in the Parthenon and made the 2,000-year-old temple a ruin, the surviving remains still convey something of the splendor of the age of Pericles
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DAY FOUR: ATHENS / ARGOLIS REGION

Full-day tour of the Argolis region

Visit Corinth where you can see the famous Corinth Canal

Continue to Epidaurus. The most famous site here is the theatre, the most outstanding in the ancient world, known for its beauty, its magnificent lines, harmonious proportions and incredible acoustics

For choirs only: Impromptu recital in the theatre

Then it is off to visit the ancient city of Mycenae home to the kingdom of mythical Agamemnon.

DAY FIVE: ATHENS / HYDRA / POROS AEGINA

Full-day sightseeing includes a 3-island cruise to Hydra, Poros and Aegina. Leave Athens in the morning by coach to Trocadero Harbor. Sail for the island of Aegina. Cruise through the straits to Poros (visit). Then on to Hydra for time at leisure for shopping or swimming. Sail back to Trocadero Harbor and transfer by coach to Athens. Buffet lunch is served on the boat, and you'll enjoy entertainment and Greek Dancing while at sea

DAY SIX: ATHENS

Today visit the New Acropolis Museum. A walk through the New Museum's galleries is a walk through history – between the masterpieces of the Archaic and Classical periods, but also in the ancient neighborhoods of Athens. The museum has over 14,000 square meters of exhibition spaces

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DAY SEVEN: DEPART FOR HOME

Transfer to Athens airport for return flight





The University of Wisconsin–Eau Claire Concert Choir had the pleasure of touring Greece from December 26, 2011 through January 5, 2012. During the concert tour, the Concert Choir had the privilege to perform in four concert venues including, the Athens Theater, St. Paul’s Catholic Cathedral of Pireaus, and St. Mark’s Basilica. Sightseeing opportunities included visits to The Parthenon in Athens, Palamides Fort in Nauplia, The Minoan Palace of Knossos on the island of Crete, and the New Acropolis Museum in Athens. The Concert Choir had the opportunity to perform with five choral ensembles from Greece and the United States during the tour. The organization of the tour by Music Celebrations International included outstanding concert venues, unforgettable sightseeing to some of the world’s most historic sights, and a land package including beautiful hotels.

**Gary Schwartzhoff, Director of Choral Activities
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Suggested Performance Tours in Greece

Tour 1 5 Nights / 7 Days

5 nights in Athens with excursions to the Argolis Region, Hydra, Poros, and Aegina

Tour 2 6 Nights / 8 Days

6 nights in Athens with excursions to the Argolis Region, Hydra, Poros, and Aegina

Tour 3 7 Nights / 9 Days

3 nights in Athens, 2 nights in Tolon, 2 nights in Patras

Tour 4 8 Nights / 10 Days

3 nights in Athens, 5 night cruise to Mykonos, Kusadasi, Patmos, Crete, Santorini, Corinth, Patras, Epidaurus, and Mycenae

Tour 5 8 Nights / 10 Days

3 nights in Athens, 5 night cruise to Mykonos, Kusadasi, Patmos, Rhodes, Crete, Santorini, Epidaurus, and Mycenae

Tour 6 8 Nights / 10 Days

4 nights in Athens, 1 night in Larissa, 2 nights in Thessaloniki, 1 night in Volos

*These and all other Suggested Tours may be viewed on our website at www.musiccelebrations.com.
Fully-customized tours may also be created to meet your specific needs and interests.*



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