

International Conference on Advanced Characterisation of Pavement and Soil Engineering Materials

20 - 22 June 2007 - Athens, Greece

SOCIAL EVENTS

ACCOMPANYING PERSONS

Wednesday, June 20th 2007

ATHENS SIGHTSEEING & OLYMPIC STADIUM

Depart at 10.30 from Hotel. Return at 15.00 to Hotel.
This tour gives you an opportunity to observe the striking contrasts that make Athens such a fascinating city. Our expert guide takes you to the Olympic Stadium of Athens where in August 2004 the Olympic Games took place. You will be able to visit the main stadium and have a short walk at the common domain of the O.A.K.A. On your way



back to the city
you will see

Panathenaic Stadium (where the first Olympic Games of the modern era were held in 1896), the Temple of the Olympian Zeus and Handrian's Arch. You will also have the opportunity to see the centre of the city, Constitution Square (Syntagma), the House of Parliament and the Memorial to the Unknown Soldier. After a small lunch break you will take the way back to the hotel.

Thursday, June 21st 2007

NATIONAL ARCHAEOLOGICAL MUSEUM & MONASTIRAKI

Depart at 09.00 from Hotel. Return at 14.00 to Hotel.
The National Archaeological Museum is the most important archaeological museum in Greece and one of the richest in the world concerning ancient Greek art. Its collections are representative of all the cultures that flourished in Greece. The museum contains collections of Prehistoric items, Sculpture, Pottery and Minor art, Bronzes, Egyptian Art. After the two hour guided tour in the Museum you will depart to Monastiraki which is, without a doubt, one of the most famous regions of Athens. For Athens' residents and visitors alike, Monastiraki is a very popular destination and meeting point, either for lunch or dinner in one of its outdoor taverns, or for a walk around the antique shops, situated in the alleys around the square. Its name refers to something related with religion (Monastiraki = small monastery), but not even many Athenians know where it got its name from. There you will have the time to do some shopping and have a typical Greek lunch (souvlaki) in one of the taverns round main square.



Accompanying Persons & Participants

Acropolis / Gala Dinner

Thursday 21 June 2007, Departure from Divani Caravel hotel at 17:30

The Acropolis hill, so called the "Sacred Rock" of Athens, is the most important site of the city. During Perikles' Golden Age, the ancient Greek civilization was represented in an ideal way on the hill and some of the architectural masterpieces of the period were erected on its ground.

The first habitation remains on the Acropolis date from the Neolithic period. Over the centuries, the rocky hill was continuously used either as a cult place or as a residential area or both. The Parthenon is the most important and characteristic monument of the ancient Greek civilization and still remains its international symbol. It was dedicated to Athena Parthenos, the patron goddess of Athens. It was built between 447 and 438 B.C. and its sculptural decoration was completed in 432 B.C. There are so many important monuments that someone can see during the visit in Acropolis such as the Caryatides (shown in the picture), The Erechtheion, The Temple of Athena Nike, The Propylaea. Even though many of the unique works of art that ornamented Acropolis have been stolen and transferred abroad, a visit to the museum of Acropolis is mandatory. It is one of the most important museums in the world. It temporarily houses masterpieces of the ancient Greek civilization, dedicated to the most important of the Athenian sanctuaries, the "temenos" of Athena Parthenos. After the fascinating tour in the Acropolis hill you will be able to enjoy a dinner at a nearby ancient theme restaurant and taste food prepared according to ancient Greek cooking recipes.



IMPORTANT: Casual dressing is recommended and flat shoes for ladies due to the cobblestone terrain as well as a light wind breaker jacket for the evening breeze.

Sounio - Closing Social

Friday 22 June 2007, Departure from Divani Caravel hotel at 18:20

Bus drive along the costal road, past the wonderful beaches of Glyfada, Vouliagmeni and Varkiza to the most Southern point of Attica, where the white marble pillars of the Temple of Poseidon stand. From the Temple you will be able to have a splendid view of the Saronic Gulf during the sunset. A dinner in a traditional sea tavern in Anavissos will be waiting for you after your visit in Sounio for a delicious journey to the typical Greek gastronomy. A small Greek dance group will show you how to follow the traditional dancing.



IMPORTANT: Casual dressing is recommended and flat shoes for ladies due to the cobblestone terrain at Cape Sounio, as well as a light wind breaker jacket for the evening breeze.