

## 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.