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Gems of Greece: Athens, Naxos & Crete

August 21 – September 3, 2027

Travel with Professor Rob Neilson



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14 Days • 21 Meals: 12 Breakfasts, 4 Lunches, 5 Dinners

HIGHLIGHTS... Acropolis Site & Museum, Naxos & Lesser Cyclades Day Cruise, *Kitron* Distillery & Tasting, Knossos Palace, Cooking Class, Pottery Demonstration, Olive Oil Tour & Tasting, Cretan Folk Dancing & Dinner

ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Day 1 Overnight Flight
 Days 2 – 4 Holiday Suites Boutique Hotel, Athens
 Days 5 – 7 Attica Blue Hospitality/ Naxos Resort, Naxos
 Days 8, 9 Olive Green Hotel, Heraklion
 Days 10 – 12 Samaria Hotel, Chania
 Day 13 Holiday Suites Boutique Hotel, Athens

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



Rob Neilson is the Frederick R. Layton Professor of Studio Art and Professor of Art at Lawrence University where he has taught sculpture since 2002. Born and raised in Detroit, he received a BFA in Fine Arts from the College for Creative

Studies and an MFA in Sculpture from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Rob has exhibited his sculpture, installations, and drawings at galleries, museums, and alternative spaces nationally and internationally.

Neilson has created public art commissions throughout the United States, including projects in California, Illinois, Iowa, Michigan, Nebraska, North Carolina, Virginia, and Wisconsin.

Recently Rob has done Artist Residencies on the island of Crete and in Athens, Greece. He has also been an Artist in Residence at the Kohler Arts/Industry program at the Kohler factory and has been a visiting artist at numerous universities including the University of Wisconsin–Madison, Virginia Tech University, Longwood University (Virginia), Dickinson College (Pennsylvania), Millikin University (Illinois), and California State University.

Day 1: Saturday, August 21, 2027 Overnight Flight You're on your way to Greece. Anticipation builds for days shaped by sunlit seas, ancient stories, and the easy rhythm of Mediterranean life, unfolding from the historic capital to the islands scattered across the Aegean.

Day 2: Sunday, August 22, 2027 Athens, Greece Arrive in Athens, Greece's sun-washed capital and the birthplace of democracy. As you settle in, the city begins to unfold around you — café tables buzzing, neighborhood streets alive with daily rhythms, and the Acropolis rising steadily above it all. As arrival times will vary, no sightseeing is scheduled for the afternoon. Early this evening, gather for a briefing that sets the tone for the journey ahead. Then, gather with your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner. (D)

Day 3: Monday, August 23, 2027 Athens This morning, take in Athens on a panoramic tour that weaves together centuries of history through the city's most iconic landmarks. Step inside the Acropolis Museum for a guided visit, where artifacts uncovered from the sacred hill offer powerful insight into ancient life, all with views of the Acropolis just beyond the glass. By afternoon, wander Plaka, the neighborhood tucked beneath the Acropolis, where inviting cafés and shops line winding streets. Choose a spot for lunch on your own and linger as the city hums around you. From 3:00 p.m. onward, the rest of the day is yours to explore. (B)

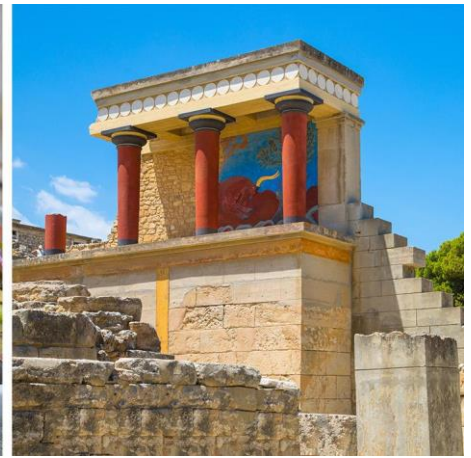
Day 4: Tuesday, August 24, 2027 Athens This morning, get an up-close look at the Acropolis, where monuments that shaped Western civilization still stand watch over Athens. Walk alongside the Parthenon on a guided tour of the archaeological complex, surrounded by layers of ancient history. Later, experience an **Impact Moment** at a community-minded café and workshop that supports individuals who have overcome homelessness and rebuilt their lives through meaningful work and creative expression. After lunch at the café, from 3:00 p.m. onward, the rest of the day is yours to explore Athens at your own pace. (B, L)

Day 5: Wednesday, August 25, 2027 Athens - Naxos Rise and shine! It's an early start today as you climb aboard a ferry, luggage in hand, en route for Naxos. The Aegean stretches endlessly around you as islands slip past along the way. Arrive on the largest of the Cyclades, known for its self-sustaining traditions and fertile landscapes. Upon arrival, see Naxos's emblem, the monumental marble Portara standing watch over the harbor. Enjoy free time for lunch on your own before settling into your hotel. This evening, gather for dinner at a nearby restaurant in Chora, Naxos Town. (B, D)

Day 6: Thursday, August 26, 2027 Naxos - Lesser Cyclades - Naxos This morning, board a sailboat for a full-day cruise* that reveals the coastline of Naxos and the neighboring Lesser Cyclades. Glide along the island's eastern shore before arriving at Kato Koufonisi for a swim stop. Savor a Greek barbecue lunch onboard with local wines and cool off with a swim in the Aegean's clear waters. Continue to Ano Koufonisi to wander its beaches and village paths, then sail toward Rina Cave for a final stop along the coast. By evening, return to your Naxos hotel to unwind after a windswept day at sea. (B, L)

Day 7: Friday, August 27, 2027 Naxos Leave the coast behind today and head into the mountain villages of Naxos. Visit Halki, the island's former capital, where stone mansions and quiet lanes reflect another era. Continue to Apiranthos, a hilltop village where daily life moves at an unhurried rhythm. After returning to your hotel for downtime, enjoy a private evening at a third-generation family-owned distillery, sampling local spirits including *Kitron*, a liqueur found only on Naxos, paired with small bites as you learn about the distillation process. (B)

Day 8: Saturday, August 28, 2027 Naxos - Heraklion, Crete Enjoy a relaxing morning before leaving Naxos behind. Later this afternoon, with your suitcase in hand, board the ferry bound for Heraklion. Once aboard, settle in for the crossing as Crete comes into view – Greece's largest island and a world unto itself. This evening, get your first taste of Cretan cooking with dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)



Per Person Rates*:

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Please inquire for airfare pricing from alternate gateways

IMPORTANT CONDITIONS: Your price is guaranteed once deposit is received and booking confirmed by Collette. Your price is not subject to increase after the deposit is received and booking confirmed, except for charges resulting from increases in government-imposed taxes or fees. (See registration form for consent.)

Day 9: Sunday, August 29, 2027 Heraklion Walk through Lion's Square this morning, the beating heart of Heraklion, before heading to Knossos Palace for a guided visit. Among the ruins of this former Minoan center, legends and daily life intertwine, including the myth of King Minos and the Minotaur's labyrinth. As you travel through the countryside, olive groves stretch across the landscape, a constant presence since Minoan times. In Archanes, visit a women's cooperative café for an exclusive hands-on cooking class rooted in traditional Cretan dishes, followed by lunch. The afternoon and evening are at leisure. (B, L)

Day 10: Monday, August 30, 2027 Heraklion - Rethymnon - Chania Travel west toward Chania today, stopping along the way in Margarites, a village known for its long pottery tradition. Visit the only workshop that blends modern methods with wood-fired techniques and watch a demonstration before browsing handcrafted pieces. Continue to Rethymnon and enjoy free time for lunch in its old town. By evening, arrive in Chania and gather for dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 11: Tuesday, August 31, 2027 Chania - Kolymvari - Vouves - Chania This morning, during a private tour, step into the heart of Cretan life at a family-run olive mill, where olives are more than a crop – they are history, identity, and daily sustenance. Learn how generations have cultivated, harvested, and pressed olives into oil that anchors Cretan cooking and culture. Taste several expressions of Crete's renowned olive oil before sitting down for a

paired lunch prepared with seasonal, locally sourced ingredients that let the oil take center stage. Continue to Vouves to see the world's oldest olive tree, a living monument estimated to be 2000 to 4000 years old. Back in Chania, the rest of the day is yours. Follow your curiosity to the old Venetian Harbor, built in the 14th century, or maybe linger over Greek coffee or a local pastry along its narrow streets. (B, L)

Day 12: Wednesday, September 1, 2027 Chania Today, **it's your choice!** Visit the Archaeological Museum of Chania to explore its collections on your own **-OR-** join a guided tour of the archaeological site of Aptera. The afternoon is yours to enjoy Chania at your own pace. This evening, tap into the rhythm of Chania when you attend a traditional Cretan folk dance performance during dinner with your fellow travelers. To top it all off, enjoy a lively dance lesson so you can really move to the Cretan beat. (B, D)

Day 13: Thursday, September 2, 2027 Chania - Athens A short flight brings you back to Athens this morning. Spend the afternoon soaking up the city's energy or fitting in last-minute shopping. This evening, gather for drinks and light fare as you toast to the journey, taking in one final view of the Acropolis glowing against the night sky. (B)

Day 14: Friday, September 3, 2027 Athens - Tour Ends Your tour of Greece's gems ends today. (B)

For more information visit <https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1413379>

Important Tour Information:

The overall activity level of this tour is a level 3. This means you're an on-the-go traveler. You don't want to miss a thing, so walking and standing for longer periods of time (2-3 hours) isn't a big deal. A moderately paced two-and-a-half-hour walking tour, covering several miles, hills, and uneven surfaces, is no problem for you. Walking four miles over the course of a day is very doable, as is climbing into and out of various modes of transportation (tuk-tuk, cable car, zodiac, etc.). You can climb three flights of stairs easily and handle altitudes between 6,000 and 9,000 feet. Expect some longer days with early mornings or late nights balanced with free time to recharge or set out on your own adventure. This level is not a fit for travelers who require mobility assistance devices.

Travel with an average of 19 people (maximum of 24).

If you choose to visit Aptera as your Choice on Tour, you can expect to be standing or walking for 1 to 1.5 hours with little shade.

Luggage handling is not available when getting on and off the public ferries between Athens, Naxos, and Crete. You will need to carry your own luggage for approximately 200 feet each way. As the ferry is the main connection between the mainland and several islands, you can expect large crowds and personnel directing travelers to their destinations with a very quick turnaround.

If you require any special assistance while on tour, please make us aware at the time of reservation so the necessary request form can be sent to your attention.

In order to access the Acropolis archeological site, you will be required to climb about 50-60 steep, uneven steps and walk over rugged terrain with loose stones and without railings.

Due to a limited number of tickets for the Acropolis, travelers who book within 60 days of departure may be waitlisted until tickets can be confirmed.

*On occasion, due to inclement weather, your boat trip in Naxos may be moved to the following day and your sightseeing activities will be swapped. While on the cruise, be sure to bring a bathing suit, towel, hat, and sunscreen. Any departures where this cruise falls during the month of April are considered off-season and the cruise will not be available. This experience will be replaced with a day trip to Paros island with touring and lunch included.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Single rate subject to change based on availability.

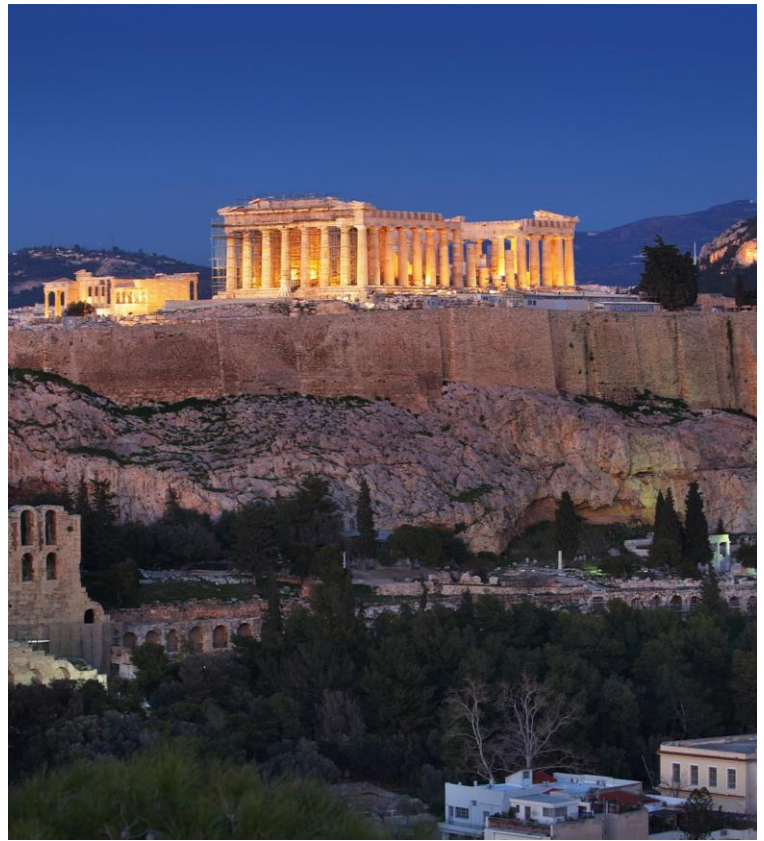
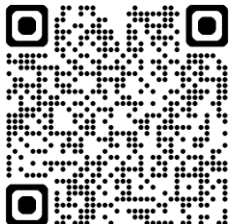
To complete your tour, we include round-trip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of *purchasing* these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

For air-inclusive reservations, the name provided at time of booking must match your government-issued ID that will be used during travel. Name changes are subject to penalties.

Please be advised, many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions.

Internal flights are required in order to participate in this tour and are included in the final price, quoted at time of booking.

Prepaid tipping is not available on our tours therefore payment of customary end-of-trip gratuities for your Tour Manager, driver, hotel housekeepers, and cruise ship waitstaff should be handled individually when applicable during the course of your tour.



Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.

Travel Requirements:

Passports are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require that your passport be valid at least 6 months beyond the dates of your travel. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details. Visit www.travel.state.gov for the U.S. State Department for the latest details about passports and visa requirements. **IMPORTANT:** We recommend that travelers take a photocopy of their passport and applicable visas. It should be packed separately from your actual passport and visa. We also recommend leaving a copy at home with your emergency contact.

ETIAS visa waiver requirements are anticipated to begin during the last quarter of 2026, for a fee, when visiting a Schengen Area Country. To identify Schengen Area Countries and to complete the ETIAS application, please visit https://travel-europe.europa.eu/etias_en

Collette will provide all necessary information, updates, and supporting documents for your travel requirements, including visa and Electronic Travel Authorizations (ETAs), if required, approximately 60-90 days prior to your departure.

A deposit of \$698 per person is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the seat reduction date of January 15, 2027 are based upon availability. Final payment due by May 23, 2027. Deposits are refundable up until January 22, 2027.

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You can also find this information on your tour documents.

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YOUR INFORMATION:

Clearly print your full name (first/middle/last) as it appears on your government issued travel documentation.

IMPORTANT: In order to avoid any unnecessary change fees, it is imperative that all guest names are entered correctly from the start. The information below must be the legal name and be 100% identical to the ID being used to travel <passport/driver's license> including middle names or suffixes <Jr, Sr>.

First: _____ Middle: _____ Last: _____ Suffix: _____

Nickname: _____ Gender: () Male () Female Date of Birth: month _____ day _____ year _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: () _____ Cell: () _____ Email Address: _____

Should you become ill or injured, whom should we contact (not traveling with you): _____ Phone: () _____

ROOMING WITH: Check if address is the same as Passenger #1

First: _____ Middle: _____ Last: _____ Suffix: _____

AIR GATEWAY: Departure airport for this tour: _____

Air Seat Request: () Aisle () Window () Next To Traveling Companion

Collette cannot guarantee your seat preference. If you have not purchased air through Collette and wish to purchase transfers, you must transfer at our pre-scheduled times.

Please be advised, when travelling as part of a group, many airlines do not provide seat assignments. Preferred seating may be available for an additional charge.

Please reserve an upgrade to Elite Airfare for an additional rate of: Premium Economy \$1,990 Business Class \$4,990

Service is limited and not available on all flights or carriers. Other restrictions may apply. Please note: if you purchase an upgrade, we cannot guarantee the same flight schedule as the group. Upgraded class of service is for the international portion of the journey only.

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Are you willing to separate from the group air schedule to accommodate your upgrade request? () Yes () No

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TRAVEL PROTECTION: () Yes, I wish to purchase travel protection \$599 () No, I decline

If you choose not to purchase Collette's Waiver Insurance Plan, you will incur penalties for changes and cancellations. Travel Protection Payment is due with first deposit. The Waiver Fee does not cover any single supplement charges which arise from an individual's traveling companion electing to cancel for any reason prior to departure. The single supplement will be deducted from the refund of the person who cancels. (There is coverage under Part B which includes a single supplement benefit of \$1,500 for certain covered reasons. See Part B for details.)

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Collette



Special Needs Form

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180 Middle Street
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TRAVELERS NEEDING SPECIAL ASSISTANCE

You must report any disability requiring special attention to Collette at the time the reservation is made. *Collette will make reasonable efforts to accommodate the special needs of our participants. Such participants, however, should be aware that the Americans with Disabilities Act is inapplicable outside of the United States and facilities outside the United States for disabled individuals are limited. It is strongly recommended that persons requiring assistance be accompanied by a companion who is capable of and totally responsible for providing the assistance. Neither Collette nor its personnel, nor its suppliers, may physically lift or assist clients into transportation vehicles. If a traveler thinks he or she might need assistance during a trip, he or she should call Collette to determine what assistance might reasonably be given. Collette cannot provide special individual assistance to tour members with special needs for walking, dining, or other routine activities. Internationally, a great deal of walking may be necessary to fully enjoy the destination. Travelers should be in good health and must be able to walk reasonable distances. In some areas, travelers may be required to walk on uneven ground, cobblestone streets or raised thresholds.

****To request a wheelchair accessible room on a cruise, the traveler or person sharing the room must have a recognized disability that alters a major life function and requires the use of a mobility device and the use of the accessible features provided in the wheelchair accessible stateroom. The cruise company may take appropriate action against someone who has reserved or purchased such a stateroom fraudulently. Action may include but is not limited to removal from the stateroom to a non-accessible accommodation up to denial of boarding.***

Reservation # _____

Name: _____ Male or Female (circle one)

Are you traveling with a wheelchair? Yes No

If you answer "YES"

- Does your wheelchair collapse? Yes No
- Can you stand and climb steps to board the coach without it? Yes No
- Are you capable of lifting your own wheelchair? Yes No

If you are not capable of lifting your own wheelchair who will provide assistance?

This form cannot be processed without the dimensions of your wheelchair:

Height _____ Length _____ Width _____

Are you traveling with a walker? Yes No

If you answer "YES"

- Does your walker collapse? Yes No

This form cannot be processed without the dimensions of your walker:

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Width _____

Tour Managers and drivers do not provide assistance lifting, pushing or carrying wheelchairs or walkers. Motorized scooters are not permitted on tour.

Are you requesting any hotel room accommodations? Yes No

If "YES" Please indicate if one or more of the following is required in the washroom.

- Walk-in shower Yes No
- Grab bars Yes No
- Raised toilet seat Yes No

Please provide any details in reference to the nature of your request.

Most hotel rooms that can accommodate the request will be equipped with only 1 bed.

Do you understand and accept? Yes No

Collette cannot guarantee the availability of such rooms as many hotels have a limited number of rooms that are equipped with the above accommodations.

Are you traveling with an oxygen tank? Yes No

If you answer “YES”

- You must contact the airline directly to arrange transportation of the oxygen on the plane. Oxygen requests vary by airline and location and can take up to 2 weeks to request.
- You are responsible for supplying your own electrical cords, and converters as needed.

This form must be remitted within 14 days of receipt for any special needs accommodation request.

Collette cannot provide special individual assistance to tour members with special needs for walking, dining, or other routine activities and motorized scooters are not permitted on tour.

The Americans with Disabilities Act only applies in the United States. Many international destinations cannot accommodate passengers’ requests. Collette will make all reasonable efforts to accommodate the special needs of tour participants, but we cannot guarantee that all requests will be honored on international destinations.

Collette also regrets that it cannot provide individual assistance to a tour member with special needs for walking, dining, or other special personal needs. It is strongly recommended that persons requiring assistance be accompanied by a companion who is capable and totally responsible for the assistance.

I have read and understand the above:

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

<p>Internal Use Only</p> <p>Reason: _____</p> <p>Tour: _____ Reservation # _____</p> <p>TS/Group: _____</p> <p>Tour Date: _____</p>
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