

# **SOFIA TRAVEL CO.**

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## **Terms and Conditions**

**Alumnae and Friends of Salem Academy Greece Tour**

**March 18-27, 2016**

### **Price**

\$4,445 per participant in double occupancy. All prices are based on a minimum of twenty paying passengers. This tour is based on rates in effect May 2015 and is subject to change only in the event of significant currency fluctuations (if the euro increases to over 1.4/dollar or if Greece begins using a different currency by three months prior to departure) or if enrollment has not reached twenty paying participants by December 18, 2015. Travelers not participating in the group flights will receive a flight credit of \$975 per person.

### **Included in Price**

Roundtrip flights from Greensboro (GSO) or Atlanta (ATL); airfare taxes and fuel surcharges; European airport/hotel transfers for those on the group flight itinerary; double occupancy rooms in four and five star hotels; meals daily as indicated in the official tour itinerary; transportation and entrance fees to all sights, museums, and activities listed in itinerary; daily accompaniment and on-site instruction from Sofia Travel faculty; tour study guide for every traveler.

### **Not Included in Price**

Additions/changes to the listed program; travel insurance; excess baggage; American airport transfers; European airport transfers for those not on the group flight itinerary; supplement for single room accommodations (+ \$950); meals not included on official tour itinerary; internet or telephone fees at hotels; drinks, snacks, special meal requests; and items of a personal nature.

### **Reservation and Deposit**

A non refundable, non transferrable deposit of \$450 is required to reserve a place on the tour. The final balance and traveler's exact passport name, date of birth and passport number are due November 6, 2015. For reservations received after this date, payment must also include a \$100 late booking fee per person in addition to any subsequent increases in the price of airfare after November 6, 2015.

### **Luggage**

Limit of one suitcase and one carry on per person. Travelers are responsible for complying with all airline baggage weight and size limits. Carry-on luggage is the responsibility of passengers.

### **Flight Schedule Changes**

Flight schedules are subject to change without advance notice. In this event, Arete Classical Travel reserves the right to shorten or lengthen the itinerary accordingly. If changes necessitate extra overnights, all travelers will be charged \$125 per night per person in double rooms, or \$240 per night per person in single rooms.

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## Cancellation Fees

Sofia Travel must receive all cancellation and refund requests in writing. All cancellations are subject to an administration fee of \$450 per person if received on or before November 6, 2015. Cancellations on or after November 7, 2015 will carry a 50% cancellation penalty, cancellations on or after January 29, 2016 will carry a 75% cancellation penalty, and cancellations on or after March 8, 2016 will receive no refund whatsoever. All cancellation fees are based on the total tour price including all additions and airline deviations.

## Insurance

Tour participants are highly encouraged to purchase insurance for trip cancellation, trip interruption, accident, sickness and/or loss of baggage and personal effects. Insurance can be quoted and purchased at < [www.mhross.com/index.php/consumer/portal/SOFI3907TX](http://www.mhross.com/index.php/consumer/portal/SOFI3907TX) >. Sofia Travel does not offer travel insurance but rather only suggests third party travel insurance and as such is not responsible for any issue that may arise regarding insurance policies, coverage, or compensation. Travelers are fully responsible for understanding and agreeing to all stated terms and conditions of any insurance policy they may choose to purchase and may not hold Sofia Travel liable for any claims or travel insurance related issues.

## Documentation

U.S. citizens require a valid passport. The traveler assumes complete and full responsibility for, and hereby releases Arete Classical travel from, any duty of checking and verifying any and all passports, visa, vaccination or other entry requirements for each destination, and all safety and security conditions during the proposed travel.

## Statement of Responsibility

Sofia Travel (ST) shall not be held responsible for any wrongful or negligent acts or omissions by any supplier or other party not directly owned or controlled by ST or by the failure of any equipment operated by any such supplier or other party. ST shall not be liable for any loss, injury, or damage to person, property or otherwise, in connection with any accommodations, transportation, or other services, resulting directly or indirectly from any acts of God, dangers incident to the sea, fire, breakdown of machinery or equipment, acts of government of other authorities, wars whether or not declared, hostilities, civil disturbances, strikes, riots, thefts, pilferages, epidemics, quarantines, medical or customs regulations, defaults, delays or cancellations of or changes to itineraries or schedules. Neither ST nor any of its affiliates or subsidiaries shall be or become liable or responsible for any additional expenses of liability sustained or incurred by the tour member as a result of any of the aforementioned causes. ST is released from any and all claims and causes of action that a tour participant may hold for personal injury, property damage or wrongful death, arising out of participation in tour activities. ST does not have special knowledge regarding the hazards of medical procedures in any location, suitability of medical travel for any person, financial condition of any supplier, unsafe conditions, health hazards, weather hazards, political conditions, or climate extremes at locations to which you may travel. ST responsibility to passengers carried in vehicles and aircraft for transfer and excursions and tours is governed by the laws of the respective countries in which the tours take place

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and no other country. All claims against ST must be made within 30 days of travel and are subject only to the jurisdiction of the courts of the country in which the cause of action arises. The right is reserved to substitute hotels and cruise ships and to alter itineraries. The right is also reserved to cancel the tour prior to departure. If any tour is cancelled prior to the passengers joining the tour, ST is liable for a refund of monies received. ST is not responsible or liable for defaults of those not directly under the control of ST. All tickets and vouchers issued for transportation and services are subject to the terms and conditions under which such transportation and services are provided to the participant by the owners or contractors. Venue for any disputes is Travis County, TX. This contract shall be governed by the laws of the State of Texas.