

2010 ITINERARY

OCTOBER 24, SUNDAY: **Departure for Athens**

OCTOBER 25 Monday: Arrive in Athens. Meet at the airport and transfer to your hotel. I will pick you up at 8:30pm for your Welcome Dinner.

OCTOBER 26 Tuesday: Transfer to the port of Piraeus for one day cruise to the 3 islands Hydra, Poros and Aegina, Lunch on board. Overnight in Athens.

OCTOBER 27 Wednesday: Depart from your hotel for all day tour to magnificent Delphi. Its ancient name was the “center of the world. Overnight Olympia and Dinner.

OCTOBER 28 Thursday: Early departure for Olympia. Visit the sites and the Olympian Stadium from where the first Olympic games started. Next stop is Nafplion. Overnight in Nafplion and Dinner.

OCTOBER 29 Friday: Visit Mycenae, Epidaurus, short visit to Nafplion (the capital of the new Greece after the liberation from the Turks) and arrive in Athens for overnight and Pasta Dinner.

OCTOBER 30 Saturday: It is time to visit the Marathon site and Museum. Actually that is your main purpose of the trip. You have been to many Marathons to run but nothing similar to the Athens Marathon to visit the place where the original Marathon started. It is a unique experience for all Athletes. This year is a special year as it is 2.500 years from the first Marathon and many events will take place.

You will participate on the ceremony of the “delivery of the Flame” and after a small chorography, visit the museum. Take a short stop for a snack (on your own). Continue for the City tour of Athens including the Acropolis and the new Museum. In the mean time I will pick up the bags with all necessary items and instruction for your Running, this way I will give you some time to see the EXPO. Dinner and overnight in Athens.

OCTOBER 31 Sunday: Today you will follow the instructions which are inside your bags which I had already collected for you, and go to the Stadium to be transferred to the starting point of the Marathon. I wish good luck to each one of you. Tonight I will pick you up at 8:00pm to board a mini train for a ride: “Athens by night” and then walking through the narrow streets of the old section of Athens. Plaka we will arrive to a typical tavern where with good Greek cuisine, wine and following by a show performed by professional dancers, you will have an unforgettable Celebration dinner.

NOVEMEBR 01 Monday: It is time to say our farewells. We hope that you had a good time in Greece and maybe (!) one day we will see you back in the summer to enjoy our beautiful islands and beaches.

FAREWELL AND HAVE A SAFE TRIP BACK HOME

Note: The tour program is limited and cost is based on 40 persons traveling together as a group

Total land package including registration in the 5K, 10K or Marathon:

\$1775.00/per person (double occupancy)

\$2,275.00/ (single)

Air travel rates will be determined at a later date (based on best rate availability)

Payment Schedule:

Deposit of \$500.00 due: April 5, 2010

Final payment due by: August 31, 2010

Make checks or money orders (only) payable to: Marathon Exchange
3736 Lake Street
Houston, Texas 77098-5522

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE TOUR INCLUDES

- October 25 - Athens, 26 - Athens, 27 – Olympia, 28 - Nafplio, 29, 30, 31 – Athens, for a Total of 7 nights.
- Welcome dinner, Delphi dinner, Olympia dinner, Pasta dinner, Athens Celebration Dinner, Athens Dinner. Total 6 dinners and 1 lunch.
- 1 lunch on board the Cruise
- Buffet breakfast daily
- One day cruise
- One Day tour to Delphi
- One day tour to Olympia, Mycenae, Epidaurus, Nafplion
- Visit Marathon Site, City tour of Athens
- Athens by night on a mini train
- Celebration dinner and show
- English speaking guide
- All entrances to museums
- Airport Transfers