

November 9, Wednesday: Depart Houston – Athens (IAH)

November 10, Thursday: Arrive at the Venizelos Athens Airport. Meet and transfer to your centrally located ASTOR HOTEL. At 8:00pm I will meet you in the lobby and we will stroll to a tavern at the foot of the Acropolis for your Welcome Dinner! Kalosearthate!

November 11, Friday: After breakfast at the rooftop restaurant of your hotel, we will depart at 8:30am for a day tour of **Delphi** (center of the Ancient World) and the **Omphalos** (Navel of the Earth) whose prestige extended far beyond the boundaries of the Hellenic World.

On the slopes of **Mount Parnassus**, in a landscape of unparalleled beauty and majesty, lay the ruins of the **Sanctuary of Apollo** and the **Museum of the Athenians**, the **Temple of the Apollo**, the **Stadium** and the **Museum** containing such masterpieces of Ancient Greek sculpture as the **Charioteer** and the famous athlete **Aeghias**.

We stop for lunch in a special provincial restaurant in which I guaranty that the food is excellent. During your meal you will enjoy the magnificent view from the large windows of the restaurant.

Returning to Athens about 4:00pm we stop on the picturesque village of **Arachova** famous for its woven carpets and handmade embroideries and leather jackets.

November 12, Saturday: We are going to visit the **MARATHON VILLAGE**, the place where everything started. Actually that is the main purpose of your visit, to watch the **Ceremony** and the delivery of the **Olympic Flame** and then following the people and the municipal band arrive at the **Museum**. Our guide will give you all details of the exhibit.

If the weather is good we will have lunch in a seaside restaurant, if not in a local one. Later we are going to **ZAPPION** to visit there and collect your bags with your running numbers and everything else that **SEGAS** (the organize committee) put there for your convenience.

We will arrive in Athens early about 6:00pm and there is time for you to browse at exclusive boutiques on Ermou Street. Return to your hotel. You have all afternoon and night on your own.

November 13, Sunday: This is your day. **MARATHON DAY. HAVE A GREAT RUN!**
At 8:00pm we meet at the lobby of the hotel and we take the mini-train for an evening tour of Athens and then we finish the evening having a celebration dinner with Greek cuisine, wine, folklore show and fun!!!

November 14, Monday: You deserve a relaxing day after the Marathon, so we are taking a one day cruise to the **Saronic Gulf**, visiting 3 beautiful islands: **HYDRA, POROS, AEGINA**, lunch on board and entertainment.

November 15, Tuesday: Today you will have a city tour of **Athens** visiting the **Stadium**, the **Acropolis**, and the **New Museum at the Acropolis**.

Continuing we take the route to the South going to visit **Cape Sounion**. We stop in a place where all the seaside taverns are famous for the roasted lambs and other delicacies.

Arriving in Sounion you will admire the white marble pillars of the **Temple of Poseidon** and a splendid view of the Saronic Gulf with one of the best sunsets in the world.

November 16, Wednesday: That is the day to give a farewell to Greece and be transferred to the airport for your flight back home. Or, you may extend your trip, as options are available.

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Houston Marathon Exchange Program
Good-Will Ambassador Tour Benefits

Total land package including registration in either of the 5K, 10K or Marathon:
\$1,699.00/per person (double occupancy)
\$2,299.00/ (single)

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

Payment Schedule:

Deposit (*non-refundable*) of \$200.00 due: June 15, 2011
Final payment due by: August 31, 2011

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

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE TOUR INCLUDES

- Welcome dinner, Delphi dinner, Athens Celebration Dinner, Athens Dinner. Total 5 dinners and 1 lunch.
- 1 lunch on board the Cruise
- Buffet breakfast daily
- One day cruise - Islands of Hydra, Poros and Aegina
- One Day tour to Delphi
- 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 (*to and from hotel*)

Note: The tour program is limited and cost is based on 20 persons traveling together as a group

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