

Post-ADE FAM Tour
Rhodes – The Island of the Knights | April 18 - 21

WHERE: Rhodes

WHEN: April 18-21, 2018

4 day/3-night Rhodes including air

ITINERARY AT A GLANCE:

- **Wednesday, April 18**
 - Rhodes
 - Lunch, afternoon at leisure and Dinner
- **Thursday April 19**
 - Rhodes, Lindos
 - Lunch, afternoon at leisure in Lindos and return to your Hotel
- **Friday April 20**
 - One Day cruise to the island of Symi
 - Lunch in Symi and cruise back to your Hotel
 - Gala dinner at the Hotel
- **Saturday April 21**
 - After breakfast drive to the airport for your return to Athens with an arrival time of 11:10AM



COST :

| Occupancy | Price* |
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| Double Occupancy | \$797 |
| Single Occupancy | \$1,078 |

WHAT'S INCLUDED*:

Price includes:

- Bus transportation from and to the airport
- Transfer to Lindos tour
- Tour to the city of Lindos
- Accommodation to the Rodos Palace Hotel or the Mediterranean Palace (according to availability)
- Lunches and Dinner as mentioned in the above program.
- One day cruise to the island of Symi
- Airfare (OA 202 G 18APR 3 ATRHO HK40 0835 0935 / OA 203 G 21APR 6 RHOATH HK40 1010 1110)

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION:

- This tour requires a minimum of 35 participants.
- Travel insurance is not required but is highly recommended.
- Your registration is non-refundable unless the FAM is cancelled by ASTA or the Supplier.
- Valid passports are required but Visas are not needed.
- Most all archaeological sites are not handicapped accessible.
- Have questions? Contact Don McGahee at Don@asta.org.

HIGHLIGHTS



Meet the capital of the Dodecanese (South Aegean) an island which is ideal not only for those who want to relax but also for those looking for an action-packed holiday! With its bright green hills, rich green valleys and uninterrupted line of golden beaches, Rhodes is truly a blessed place. Add in the excellent facilities for tourism, the island's special blend of cosmopolitan and traditional, and numerous cultural and archaeological sites and you've got the perfect destination. It amazes visitors with the Medieval architecture and the many interesting monuments; the Old Town of Rhodes is a true gem to walk around, a fantastic

place from the past. The Street of the Knights, the Palace and Hippocrates Square are the main spots of Rhodes Old Town.

DETAILED ITINERARY

Day 1 – 09:35 am Arrival at Rhodes Airport

-Direct transfer to the hotel Rodos Palace (or the Mediterranean Hotel – according to availability).

-Walk to Old Town, one of the largest medieval towns in Europe. We enter through the Gate of Freedom. The fascinating medieval fortress-like buildings, the bastions, walls, gates, narrow alleys, minarets, old houses, fountains, tranquil and busy squares make it feel like you have stepped back into medieval times. The cobblestoned Street of the Knights, one of the best preserved medieval streets in Europe, is packed with medieval inns that used to play host to the soldiers of the Order of the Knights. At the end of the Street, in the Museum Square, stands the Hospital of the Knights, which houses the Archaeological Museum. Across the square is the Church of Our Lady of the Castle, the Orthodox Cathedral of Rhodes in Byzantine times that became the Catholic Cathedral when the Knights occupied the city. Now it hosts the Byzantine Museum.

- Lunch in a local restaurant in the Old Town; return to the hotel.
- Free time for a relaxing walk and shopping.
- Dinner to the fine restaurant “Kioupia”.



Day 2

- We will drive to Lindos. Nestling at the foot of a steep rock and beautifully surrounded by the sea lies the traditional settlement of Lindos; on the top of the same rock stands a centuries-old acropolis, proudly overlooking the archipelagos. The landscape of Lindos encapsulates the essence of the island of Rhodes: a surprisingly felicitous blend of ancient and medieval! With 600,000 visitors annually, Lindos competes with Delphi as the second most visited archaeological site in Greece. The view of Lindos village with its cubic houses sprawling down the hillside under the acropolis is one of the most photographed scenes in Greece. The whitewashed labyrinth of little alleyways was deliberately designed to confuse pirates; today this layout makes wandering around the town a real adventure! The winding streets of the traditional well-preserved settlement of Lindos form a great backdrop to a rejuvenating evening stroll. There are picture-perfect medieval captains' residences built around votsalotó (meaning pebbly) courtyards with emblems on their heavy wooden doorways. Arched entrances adorn the streets adding a cosmopolitan flair to the settlement.



Day 3

- One day cruise to the little island of Symi. While approaching the port of Symi, one has the overwhelming feeling of entering a perfectly painted image of a scenic traditional village. The entrance of the horseshoe-shaped port is dominated by Rolói, a clock tower. Right in front of it there is the statue of the fisher boy, Michalaki (= little Michael) which seems to be welcoming the visitors to the island. The Town Hall, the cathedral, the square and the Naval Museum of Symi are the main attractions on this side. The latter lends an insight to the naval tradition of the island and boasts, amongst else, exhibits representing the evolution of sponge fishing through the years. A stony stairway of 500 steps leads to the upper part of the town. The locals call it Kalí Stráta, which means "good way". Some awesome churches fill the streets of Chorió with beauty. Icon screens, post-byzantine icons and gravel yards are worth seeing here. Overlooking Chorió there is Kástro (castle). Actually, it is the remnants of a castle built by the knights of St John in the 14th century as an expansion to an old byzantine castle on the same site.



- Lunch at a restaurant of Symi.
- Return to the island of Rhodes and the hotel.
- Gala dinner at the hotel (offered by the hotel).

Day 4

-After breakfast drive to the airport for the return journey to Athens (departure: 10:10 am)

HOTEL INFORMATION

Our hotel will be either Mediterranean or Rodos Palace, according to availability.

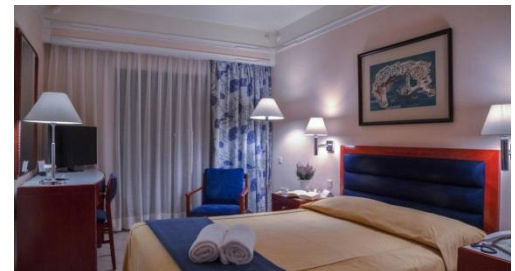
Hotel Rodos Palace



A wonderful hotel in a marvelous setting, where modernity blends with classic style and antitheses shape the distinctive character. In its vast areas, you will find your own privacy and savor high standards of accommodation and hospitality. On the road to the city of Rhodes, within close proximity to the beach and with diverse types of guestrooms and suites that cover all tastes and preferences, Rodos Palace is the holiday destination you have been searching for. Dive in the crystalline waters of one of the swimming pools or lounges with a signature cocktail and a book in your hand. Luxuriate in a thrilling ambience and surrender to the charms of the island!

Hotel Mediterranean

Mediterranean Hotel is set on the island's most privileged location, in the heart of Rhodes' most popular sandy beach "Elli", near the Aquarium, only a few minutes away from Rhodes city, next to the Casino and at a small distance from the Medieval City, Castle of the Knights and Ancient Ruins.



Mediterranean provides a superior first class hotel, redesigned to induce its guests in an atmosphere of relaxed elegance blending stylish décor with functional character and sense of comfort. Continuing its tradition on attention to detail and personalized service, Hotel Mediterranean presents a distinctive experience of warm hospitality ideal for business or pleasure all year round.

