

CORFU
TO
ATHENS

May 12–21, 2016



aboard the sailing yacht Running on Waves

Dear Club Members and Friends,

Known as the “Cradle of Western Civilization,” Greece delivers an enticing blend of history, diverse cultural influences, stunning natural beauty, and archaeological treasures. From the sunny Ionian isle of Corfu, cruise seven nights aboard the elegant, privately chartered 18-cabin sailing yacht, *Running on Waves*. Our unique itinerary takes us between the mainland and the fabled island of Ithaca, across the Gulf of Corinth to Delphi, and onward to the World Heritage sites of Nemea and Mycenae on the Peloponnese peninsula. See the site of the Battle of Actium, learn the mysteries of the mystical Delphic Oracle, and cruise through the spell binding Corinth Canal en route to Athens. Taking full advantage of our private yacht, time is carved out to unfurl the sails and glide across the sparkling blue sea and there will be opportunities for swimming and water sport activities in secluded beaches or off the aft marina. May is the perfect time to enjoy a sailing adventure in Greece while our lecture program informs and educates us.

Launched in 2011, *Running on Waves* combines the look of a classic 3-masted sailing vessel with a contemporary design and state-of-the-art facilities and equipment. She is modern, high-speed, and environmentally friendly, with a High Ocean Class rating that allows her to sail anywhere around the globe, in style.

This journey will be shared with members of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. And remember, the beautiful *Running on Waves* has only 18 cabins, so I encourage you to contact us to ensure your place on this exceptional voyage!

Sincerely,



Kristina Nemeth
Director of Travel, The Commonwealth Club



For more information, please contact Commonwealth Club Travel

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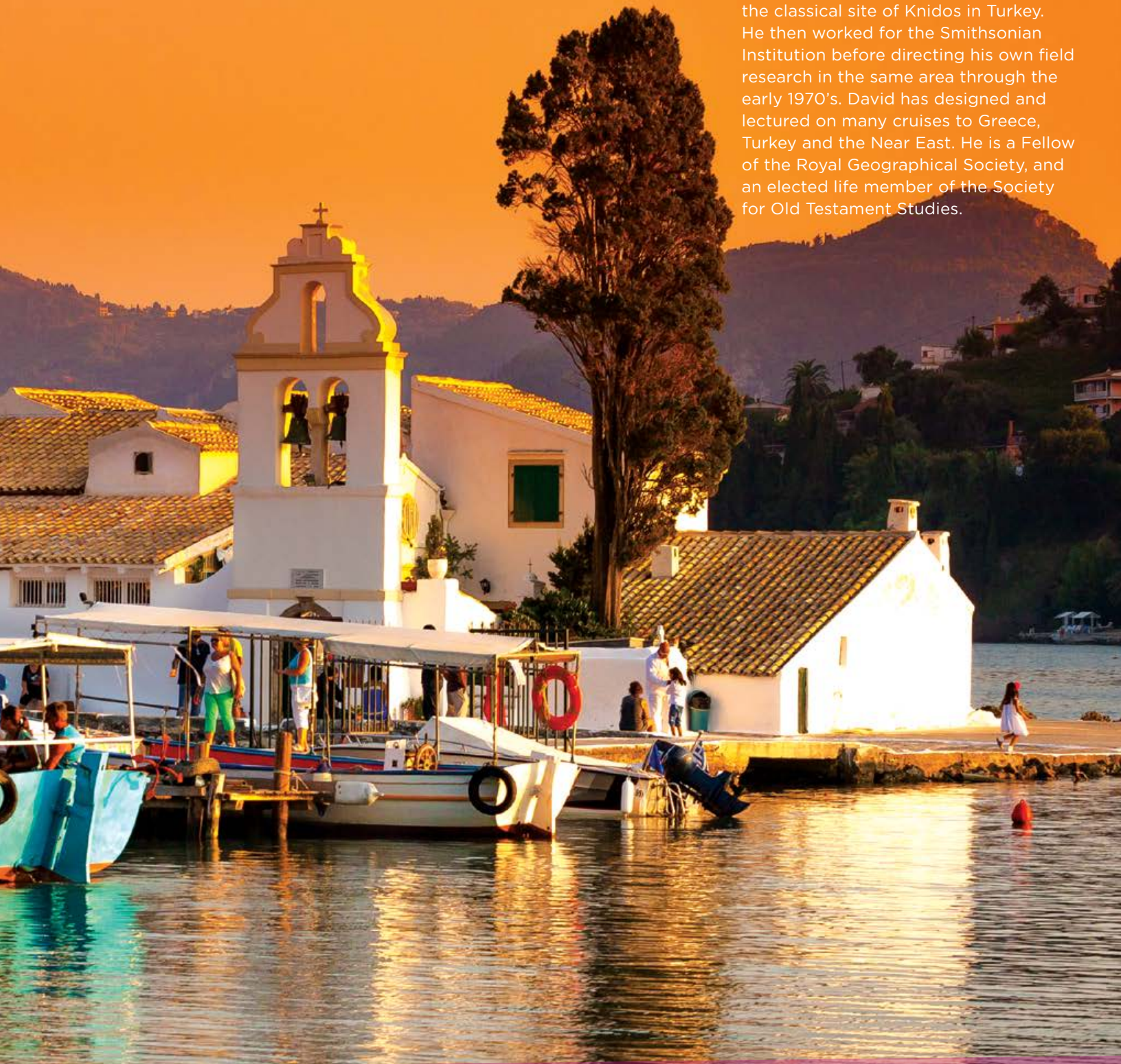


Study Leader

DR DAVID PRICE WILLIAMS

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David Price Williams has a degree in Ancient Near Eastern languages and Classical Greek and a doctorate in Near Eastern archaeology. His first overseas field work was in 1969 as a surveyor at the classical site of Knidos in Turkey. He then worked for the Smithsonian Institution before directing his own field research in the same area through the early 1970's. David has designed and lectured on many cruises to Greece, Turkey and the Near East. He is a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society, and an elected life member of the Society for Old Testament Studies.



COVER: The elegant *Running on Waves* combines the look of a classic three-masted sailing vessel with contemporary design and state-of-the-art facilities and equipment.
SPREAD: Sunset is an ideal time to admire the scenery at water level.
BACK COVER: The arcades along the main plaza are a favorite gathering spot in Corfu's old city.



Itinerary

THURSDAY-FRIDAY, MAY 12-13

HOME >> ATHENS

Arrive in Athens and transfer to your nearby hotel. Gather this evening for a welcome orientation and reception.

HOTEL SOFITEL (R)

SATURDAY, MAY 14

CORFU ISLAND

Fly to Corfu this morning. The northernmost Greek island, situated near the mouth of the Adriatic Sea, Corfu enjoys a rich cultural history marked by Italian, French, and British rule before officially joining Greece in 1864. Tour the royal Achilleion Palace and the archaeological museum in the Mon Repos Villa, then embark *Running on Waves*, your home for the next seven nights. Enjoy a welcome reception and dinner as you set sail for the Greek mainland. *RUNNING ON WAVES* (B,R,D)

SUNDAY, MAY 15

PREVEZA

Gaze upon the historic site of the Battle of Actium, where future emperor Octavian defeated Marc Antony and Cleopatra, ensuring the continuation of the Roman Empire's dominance. Also visit the excellent new archaeological museum in nearby Nikopolis to see a wealth of artifacts from the Roman and Byzantine eras that have been excavated in the vicinity. In the afternoon, sail into the Ionian Sea en route to the island of Ithaca.

RUNNING ON WAVES (B,L,D)

MONDAY, MAY 16

ITHACA ISLAND

Explore the legendary birthplace of Homer's hero Odysseus, stopping at Piso Aetos for an opportunity to climb to its ancient acropolis before visiting the charming village of Stavros, near the island's center. The crystal-blue waters around Ithaca are ideal for a swim off the ship's stern marina. *RUNNING ON WAVES* (B,L,D)

TUESDAY, MAY 17

NAFPAKTOS

Continue under sail this morning en route to Nafpaktos near the mouth of the Gulf of Corinth. The narrow streets of this picturesque town surround a tiny enclosed harbor, all situated in the shadow of an imposing Venetian



NAFPLIO



CORFU



ITHACA ISLAND



NAFPAKTOS



DELPHI

fortress. Enjoy lunch on your own and the afternoon at leisure to stroll the beach or wander among the many shops, cafes, and plazas that invite your exploration.

RUNNING ON WAVES (B,D)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18

ITEA » DELPHI » CORINTH CANAL

Call at Itea for an excursion to the spectacular ruins of Delphi. Located high on the slopes of Mt. Parnassus, Delphi was the sanctuary of the influential Delphic Oracle and was considered by the ancient Greeks to be the center of the world. Its stunning setting and awe-inspiring architecture evoke the same reverence today as they did thousands of years ago. This afternoon, cruise through the dramatic Corinth Canal, between near-vertical limestone walls that soar almost 300 feet overhead. *RUNNING ON WAVES (B,L,D)*



PALAMIDI FORTRESS

THURSDAY, MAY 19

MYCENAE » NEMEA

Visit the ruins of ancient Mycenae, widely regarded as merely legend until its location was discovered in the 1870s by Heinrich Schliemann. Immortalized as “rich in gold” in Homer’s epic poems *The Iliad* and *The Odyssey*, Mycenae was a major hub of Bronze Age civilization known for its imposing structures and gold treasures. Continue to Nemea, established in the 6th century BC with the creation of the Panhellenic Nemean Games. Archaeologists have uncovered the stadium, baths, outdoor altar, and the Sanctuary of Zeus. *RUNNING ON WAVES (B,L,D)*

FRIDAY, MAY 20

OLD EPIDAUROS » EPIDAUROS » NAFPLIO

Explore the ancient site of Epidaurus whose 4th century BC theater is noted for its perfect acoustics. Cross the peninsula to the charming seaport of Nafplio where there’s time for lunch on your own and leisurely exploration. High above the town is the dramatic Palamidi Castle, the last major construction of the Venetian Empire overseas. In the late afternoon, return to the ship and depart for Athens. En route, enjoy a festive farewell reception and dinner. *RUNNING ON WAVES (B,D)*

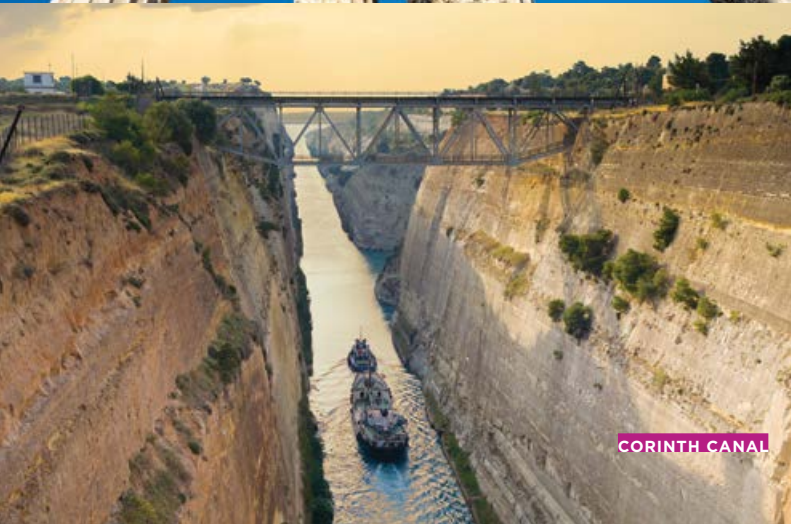


NEMEA

SATURDAY, MAY 21

ATHENS » HOME

Disembark *Running on Waves* and transfer to the airport for flights home. (B)



CORINTH CANAL

Optional Post-Cruise Extension

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY MAY 21-23

ATHENS

Explore the Acropolis and the beautiful new Acropolis Museum; the Agora, the focus of public life in Athens, and its unique museum; the National Archaeological Museum, one of the world’s most significant museums devoted to ancient Greek art; and the Benaki Museum’s ethnographic collection. Extension details and pricing will be sent to confirmed participants or upon request.



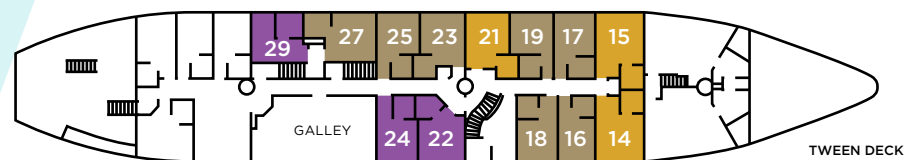
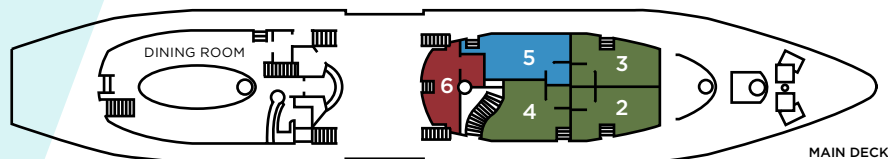
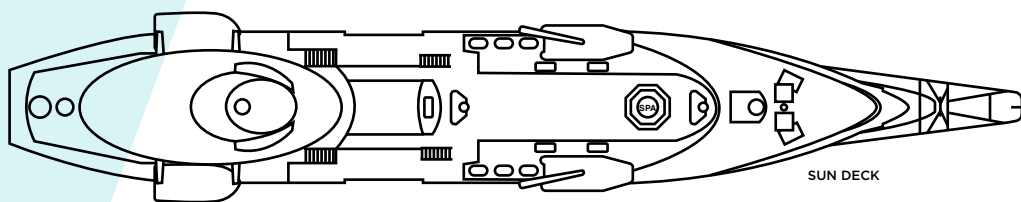
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PROGRAM RATES, PER PERSON

CATEGORY	DOUBLE	SINGLE
C 129 sq. ft., two portholes, upper and lower twin beds, shower	\$6,995	\$11,895
B 118 sq. ft., two portholes, double bed OR two lower twin beds, shower (Cabin 22 has two lower twin beds and one upper twin bed)	\$8,495	\$14,495
A 129 sq. ft., two portholes, double bed OR two lower twin beds and one upper twin bed, shower	\$8,995	—
Premium 2 151 sq. ft., two large windows, 1 skylight, double bed, seating area, shower	\$10,995	—
Premium 1 172-194 sq. ft., one or two large windows, two skylights, double bed, seating area, shower	\$11,495	—
Owner's Suite 215 sq. ft., two large windows, two skylights, double bed, seating area with large sofa (can accommodate a third person), shower	\$12,495	—

Double beds measure 71" x 51" to 73" x 53" and twin beds measure 71" x 31.5"



PROGRAM RATES INCLUDE

All accommodations and meals as specified in the itinerary • All excursions as specified in the itinerary • Full program of briefings, lectures and presentations • Scheduled group transfers for all participants on group arrival and departure days • Baggage handling • Gratuities to porters, waitstaff, guides and drivers • Gratuities to shipboard personnel • Entrance fees • Welcome and farewell receptions • Full open bar on board *Running on Waves*— wine, beer, spirits, bottled water, soft drinks, coffee and tea • Bottled water on motorcoaches • Professional tour manager throughout

WHAT TO EXPECT

This is a moderately strenuous program that is at times physically demanding and busy. Daily activities can involve one to three miles of walking, often on hilly and/or uneven terrain. In addition, travelers will be required to board the ship via a metal gangplank with rope handrails or get into/out of bobbing tenders for some shore excursions. Participants should be fit and in active good health. Any physical or mental condition that may require special medical attention must be reported in writing when you make your reservation. Temperatures during this time of year generally range from the mid-50s to the mid-70s F°, with moderate humidity on the coast.

GROUP SIZE

This program is limited to 27 participants.

AIRFARE

U.S. domestic and international airfare is not included in the program rates. Information about making flight arrangements will be sent to all participants.

General Information

PROGRAM RATES DO NOT INCLUDE

U.S. domestic and international airfare • On-tour flight between Athens and Corfu (approx. \$170) • Passport/visa expenses • Medical expenses and immunizations • Travel insurance • Optional excursions or deviations from the scheduled tour • Private transfers between airport and hotel/ship • Excess baggage charges • Meals not specified in the itinerary; dishes and beverages not part of the included meals • Laundry or dry cleaning • Telephone, email, internet, and fax charges • Room service • Other items of a personal nature

Terms & Conditions

Complete Terms and Conditions including Statement of Responsibility will be made available to you at time of registration, or in advance upon request. A signed release is required from each applicant prior to participation on the tour.

INSURANCE

Travel insurance for trip cancellation and interruption, medical problems, baggage loss and delay, etc., is highly recommended. Trip cancellation policies that apply to this expedition are included in this brochure. Information about travel insurance will be sent to confirmed participants. Please be sure to carry the details of your travel insurance coverage with you on the program.

RESERVATIONS AND DEPOSITS

To reserve space, please complete the reservation form and mail it with your check or credit card information to the address at the top of the form. You may also fax the form to (415) 597-6729 and your reservation will be held pending receipt of your check or credit card information. If you have questions, please call (415) 597-6720 or email travel@commonwealthclub.org. Final payment deadline is January 13, 2016, 120 days prior to departure.

A NOTE ABOUT COSTS

Tour costs are based upon current airfares, taxes, tariffs, currency values, and on the basis of a minimum of 20 participants. While we will do everything possible to maintain the listed prices, they are subject to change. Due to fluctuations in oil prices and/or tax rates, a surcharge may be added to your tour fee (e.g. internal flights, cruises, VAT, etc.). If there are significant changes, details and costs will be advised prior to departure.

CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS

Upon payment of a \$1,000 deposit per person, all reservations are subject to the cancellation provisions set forth below and by which the passenger agrees to be bound. Cancellations shall not be effective until they are received in writing and confirmed by the Commonwealth Club. Deposits are refundable (less a \$250 per person administration fee) if written notice of cancellation is received within 30 days of reservation; after that, deposits are 100% nonrefundable. Final payment is due January 13, 2016 (120 days prior to departure). Cancellations within 120 days of departure are 100% nonrefundable. For this reason we strongly urge participants to purchase trip cancellation insurance. If the program is cancelled by Criterion Travel, you will receive a full refund, without further obligation on our part. No refunds will be made for any part of this program on which you choose not to participate. Neither Criterion Travel nor The Commonwealth Club of California accept liability for any airline cancellation penalty incurred by the purchase of a nonrefundable ticket in conjunction with this tour.

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Reservation Form

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To reserve a place, please complete and return this form with your deposit of \$1,000 per person to: Commonwealth Club Travel, 555 Post Street, San Francisco, CA 94102 or fax to: (415) 597-6729. For more information or to reserve by phone, please call (415) 597-6720, or email travel@commonwealthclub.org

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SINGLE TRAVELERS

I understand that there is a supplemental charge. If this is a reservation for one person, please indicate:

I prefer to have single accommodations.

I plan to share accommodations with _____
I'd like to know about roommates. I am a Non-smoker Smoker.

I understand that if a roommate cannot be found by the final payment deadline of January 13, 2016, I will pay the single rate.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Cabin category preference:

1ST

2ND

Hotel bed preference (not guaranteed): King/Queen Twins

PAYMENT

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____ (\$1,000 per person, payable to **Criterion Travel**), to reserve _____ place(s) on *Corfu to Athens*. OR

Please charge my deposit to:

VISA MasterCard American Express Discover

CREDIT CARD NUMBER

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SEC. CODE

I/we understand that final payment is due January 13, 2016, 120 days prior to departure. Registrations after January 13, 2016: full payment is due.

I/we have read the tour information and agree to the Terms & Conditions therein.

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Highlights

Spend seven nights aboard the luxurious and intimate **RUNNING ON WAVES** and experience the service, style, and sophistication of a **PRIVATELY CHARTERED YACHT**.

Discover the home of the mythical Oracle at **DELPHI**, an awe-inspiring mountaintop sanctuary that was considered by ancient Greeks to be the center of the world.

Cruise the **CORINTH CANAL**, a one-of-a-kind narrow passageway between 300-foot-high limestone walls, from the Gulf of Corinth to the Aegean Sea.

Explore the ruins of **MYCENAE**, once regarded as merely legend, immortalized in Homer's *Illiad* and *Odyssey* and known for being rich in golden treasures.