

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Visions of Beauty

The Legacy of Ancient Greek Civilization
in the Era of Globalization, Greece, 5th -15th July 2015



OBJECTIVES

This trip focuses on the development of Ancient Greek culture from a philosophical point of view. The lectures show how the sites we visit and the rituals conducted there all aimed to activate the powers of the human soul (psyche) as Aristotle defines them in his *Politics* and *Nicomachean Ethics*. Within Athens, we will see the Acropolis, Parthenon (temple to Athena), Pryx (where the Assembly met), Agora (marketplace), Lyceum (Aristotle's school), the National Archeological Museum, the Cycladic Museum, Parliament Square, Monastraki, Temple to Olympian Zeus, Olympic Stadium, National Gardens, University of Athens, and other sites. We take a five-day tour to Delphi, Olympia, Epidavros (the medical center), Mycenae (Homeric Era) and Corinth. Lectures will weave together all aspects of Greek culture as parts in the overall goal of cultivating wisdom to as high a level as possible among as many citizens as possible. We will discuss Hesiod's creation story, *Theogony*, Greek mythology, Homer's *Iliad* and *Odyssey*, Greek tragedy (at least three, one by each of the major tragedians), Thucydides, some of Plato's dialogues and also how the archeological sites at Delphi, Olympia and Epidavros were designed to inspire citizens to seek and gain wisdom. The Greek texts also show how the great democracy of Athens became corrupted and eventually collapsed into a dictatorship, an important possibility for all nations today. *Course lecturing and guiding will be in English by Prof. Dr. Martha Beck (USA), Fulbright professor, Professor of Ancient Philosophy, Former Board Member of the Olympic Center for Ancient Greek Philosophy and Culture.*

STRUCTURE

Day 1: Arrival. A tour bus around Athens.

Day 2: Theater of Dionysius, then Acropolis and Agora (marketplace).

Day 3: Archeological Museum New Acropolis Museum, visit local artist, Yannis, Plaka.

Day 4: Begin six-day excursion: Bus to Kalambaka-Meteora, visit *monasteries* in afternoon. Stay in **Kalambaka**.

Day 5: More monasteries. By bus to Delphi.

Day 6: Archeological site in Delphi. Bus to Olympia. Stay in Olympia.

Day 7: Archeological site at *Olympia*. A series of lectures in the hotel will be available. Otherwise, Olympia is a beautiful small village to walk in and have some quiet and leisure time. Stay in Olympia.

Day 8: Drive to *Mycenae*, *Epidavros* and then *Corinth*. Stay in Tolo.

Day 9: Back to *Athens*. *Byzantine Museum* either in the afternoon or the morning of day 10.

Day 10: Free day. Concerts or other events, etc. It is always nice to have a dinner together the last evening, also.

DAY 11: Depart

EXPENDITURES: The Seminar participation is 1500 Euro (1900 USD) PLUS your own food (cost will vary from 300 E/380 USD). Price includes: accommodation during 10 nights in the hotels (double room occupancy), scholar and cultural program, including entrance tickets to museums and other places of interest, travel visits to the ancient cities, local transportation. Participants are expected to pay for their travel to Greece and visa. The University of Athens provides the official letter of invitation to participate in the Seminar.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE: The Seminar is open to those who are interested in Ancient Greek civilization. Deadline for applications is **December 15, 2014**. A letter of **application together with motivation** need to be submitted. For **USA:** to program leader **Prof. Dr. Martha Beck** martha.beck@lyon.edu and a copy to program coordinator **Prof. Dr. Parviz Morewedge** pmorewed@gmail.com, Director of Global Scholarly Publications (GSP, USA); **for Europe:** please send your application via email - attached as PDFs - to Program Director **Dr. Natalia Pecherskaya** natalia.pecherskay@gmail.com and a copy to rector@srph.ru, Rector of St. Petersburg School of Religion and Philosophy (SRPh, RF) www.facebook.com/srph3.VISIONS.BEAUTY www.facebook.com/srph2.PHENOMEN.ARISTOTLE