



PHOTO-WORKSHOP

DESTINATION : GREECE !

A week of photography, only for passionate photographers!

ARRIVAL DAY: In the first day the visitors arrive at the airport of Athens, where they will be transferred to their hotel in the center of Athens. After some rest, we will prepare and discussion the next days' photo shooting.

SECOND AND THIRD DAY: Visit to the **Acropolis monument**, one of the seven miracles of the ancient world and its new **museum**, the "must" of Athens city. We shoot also in **Anafiotika**, a cluster of small houses built on the slopes of the Acropolis above the Plaka. It's like being on a **Greek Island** situated in the centre of Athens !



Visit and shooting also of the site of the **Panathenaic Stadium** which was originally a small natural valley, between two hills, over Ilissos river. It was transformed into a stadium by Lykourgos in 330-329 BC, for the athletic competitions of "Panathinea", the greatest festivities in ancient Athens. It also hosted the **recent Olympic Games** in 1896 and 2004.



Lykavittos Hill is the highest peak in Athens. At 300 meters (908 feet) above sea level and not surprisingly can be seen from pretty much every area of the city. Pine trees cover its base and at its peaks is the 19th century Chapel of St. George. From the top we'll have impressive **panorama shoots** of Athens.

Monastiraki, this **traditional market** has a festive atmosphere. Permanent antique and collectables shops are open all week, while the streets around the station and Adrianou street fill with vendors selling jewellery, handicrafts and bric-a-brac.

Finally, our bus will take us to Cape **Sounion**. We'll shoot the **sunset on Aegean sea**, from the top of a hill where Poseidon, god of the sea, was worshipped in a magnificent ancient marble temple. The sunset in Sounion is one of the most



beautiful in the world. Here you'll have the opportunity to try different photography techniques using tripods and long exposures.

FOURTH AND FIFTH DAY : Departure for the sunny island of **Aegina**. From 1827 until 1829 **Aegina town** was the temporary capital of the newly founded Greek state. It was during that period, when Governor Ioannis Kapodistrias had impressive **neoclassical mansions** built to house his new headquarters, which today are important tourist attractions. Even though the island is small, it boasts a great number of sights and natural beauties to shoot,



highlight of which is the famous **Aphea Temple**.

Palea Hora, a **byzantine site**, once had 365 churches, 28 out of which (with exceptional wall paintings) have withstood the ravages of time, just like the ruins of a medieval castle and two impressive monasteries.



We will wander and shoot the site. On the outskirts of Aegina town we will visit charming little villages, where we will stop for shooting. Near Palea Hora, on the road to Souvala, lies the impressive **Monastery of Ayios Nektarios**, one of the largest monasteries in the Balkans.

SIXTH DAY: We take our bus to **Nafplion** and spent the day for shooting at one of the most beautiful towns, as well as one of the **most romantic cities** all over Greece.

Nafplio was the first capital of the newly born Greek state between 1823 and 1834.

We'll take the scenic road to the famous **Palamidi Castle**, which proudly stands 216 m (708 ft.) above sea level.





We'll use this vantage point to make most of the light for some creative long exposures and blue hour spots.

We can also see **Bourtzi**, the most photographed spot of Nafplio and its point of reference, the **Venetian fortress** standing on the rocky islet of Ag. Theodoroi.

On our way back, we will stop at the **Corinth Canal** that separates the Peloponnese from the Greek mainland, thus effectively making the former peninsula an island. Breathtaking views and amazing pictures guaranteed!

SEVENTH DAY: Free morning for shopping and wandering. In the afternoon we'll have the opening of **your photographic exhibition** and a light cocktail.



EIGHTH DAY: Transfer to the airport and departure.



IT IS PROVIDED

Accommodation in 4* hotels for 5 days and in a 3* hotel for 2 days, all transfers by private bus and by boat, all meals and dinners from the dinner of the 1st day to the breakfast of the 8th day as well as non-alcoholic beverages, all entrance fees to locations, airport transfers pre and post tour, expert photography and tourist guidance, a group exhibition in a gallery in the center of Athens, including the print of 5 photos per person in 30X40 cm (11.8 X 15.7 inches) and a cocktail!

IT IS NOT PROVIDED

International airfare to and from Athens, visa fees, personal travel insurance, tips and personal expenses.

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