



View over Athens

Travelling Surgical Society of Great Britain and Ireland tour to Athens and Thessaloniki

23 – 30 April 2026



Level 3
MODERATE





Delphi ruins

Journey back to antiquity amidst the vibrant contemporary society of Greece's two great cities, experiencing their richly layered culture, architecture, and gastronomy, on this Travelling Surgical Society tour and meeting.

Start your journey in the bustling ancient capital of Athens. A city of distinctive neighbourhoods, it is home to a melting-pot. Explore the impressive Acropolis Museum and visit the Acropolis before continuing on a walking tour of the historic and charming Plaka district. Take a full-day excursion to Delphi, once believed to be the centre of the ancient world.

On day four, the tour pauses its cultural activities for a full-day scientific programme at Errikos Dunant Hospital, giving you the opportunity to spend time with professional peers and further your learning.

Visit breathtaking Meteora Monasteries and the village of Agios Dimitrios, before continuing north to Thessaloniki, Athens's younger sister.

Heiress to Roman, Byzantine, and Ottoman influences, the city's archaeological landscape can rival that of the capital.

Visit important landmarks such as the Rotunda, the White Tower, and the Church of Agios Demetrios, and set out on a full-day excursion to historic Vergina. Relax in tavernas, take in spectacular scenery, and indulge in culinary offerings that reflect the city's diverse communities.

THIS TOUR IS CLASSED AS:

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Regular walking at destinations, extended standing and /or increased travel distances. Good fitness is required.

Itinerary 23 – 30 April 2026

B = Breakfast L = Lunch D = Dinner

4 nights Athens – 3 nights Thessaloniki



Day 1: Athens (Thurs, 23 April)

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Pm: Arrive Athen and transfer to the Elia Ermou Hotel.
Eve: Welcome dinner at the +2H rooftop restaurant, a n experimental culinary hideaway overlooking the Acropolis.

Day 2: Athens (Fri, 24 April)

B D

Am: Enjoy a guided tour of Athens, starting at the Acropolis Museum, where modern architecture showcases ancient treasures. Ascend Acropolis Hill to see the majestic Parthenon, the enduring symbol of classical Greece.
Pm: Walk through the charming Plaka district, Athens' old neighbourhood, where neoclassical homes, cobbled streets, and tavernas create a lively atmosphere.

Day 3: Athens (Sat, 25 April)

B L

Am: Drive through scenic countryside to Delphi, located on the slopes of Mount Parnassus and once thought to be the centre of the ancient world. Explore the Sanctuary of Apollo, where the oracle delivered prophesy, the Temple of Apollo, the ancient theatre, and the Delphi Museum, home to exquisite artifacts such as the famous Charioteer of Delphi.
Pm: Lunch at a local taverna before returning to the hotel.

Day 4: Athens (Sun, 26 April)

B

Am: Transfer to Errikos Dunant Hospital for a full day's scientific programme or day at leisure.

Day 5: Athens/Thessaloniki (Mon, 27 April)

B

Am: En route to Thessaloniki, visit the breathtaking Meteora Monasteries, a UNESCO World Heritage site where centuries-old monasteries cling dramatically to towering rock pillars. This mystical landscape offers stunning views and insight into the lives, art and spiritual traditions of the Byzantine monks who have lived here for generations.

Pm: Continue to the village of Agios Dimitrios for lunch at a local taverna in the shade of the "platani tree" (at client's expense) before arriving in Thessaloniki. Arrive and check in to the MonAsty Hotel.

Day 6: Thessaloniki (Tues, 28 April)

B D

Am: Full day guided tour of Thessaloniki. Once part of the ancient Macedonian kingdom, the city later flourished under Roman, Byzantine, and Ottoman rule, a heritage that is reflected in its architecture, cuisine, and culture. Explore the Upper Town (Ano Poli), the Byzantine Walls, and key landmarks such as the Rotunda, the White Tower, and the Church of Agios Demetrios, the city's patron saint.

Pm: At leisure before dinner at Kellarios Ormos, specialising in seafood with a choice of mezzes, fish and salads.

Day 7: Thessaloniki (Wed, 29 April) B D

Am: Full-day excursion to Vergina and the Museum of Aigai, the ancient royal capital and burial site of Macedonia's kings. Visit the Royal Tomb of Philip II, father of Alexander the Great, and the ancient theatre where Philip was assassinated. The museum showcases golden artifacts and royal regalia.

Pm: Stop in nearby Ekeimeros for lunch (at client's expense) before returning to celebrate your final night with a farewell dinner.

Day 8: Thessaloniki (Thus, 30 April)

Am: Transfer to the airport. B



Thessaloniki Square



Majestic Meteora Monastery



Erechtheion, Acropolis Hill

The cost of the tour sharing a room is £2,690 per person

The cost of the tour with a room to yourself is £3,482

The cost includes:

- Seven nights' accommodation at the Elia Ernou Hotel in Athens and the MonAsty Hotel in Thessaloniki
- A full programme of cultural tours and visits as per the itinerary
- Specialist local guide in Athens and Thessaloniki (one guide throughout)
- Comprehensive briefing notes
- All breakfasts, four dinners and one lunch
- All internal transport (one driver throughout)
- All admission fees

Cost excludes:

- International flights and airport transfers
- Meal and drinks not mentioned
- Tips
- All optional excursions, tours and visits; all personal extras such as portage, laundry and inoculation fees; where applicable travel insurance and visas

Hotels

Elia Ermou Hotel (Athens)

An elegantly furnished modern hotel located meters from Syntagma Square at the vibrant heart of the city. The hotel boasts a rooftop restaurant with breathtaking views of the Acropolis as well as a fitness, wellness and relaxation centre.

MonAsty Hotel (Thessaloniki)

A well located and sophisticated hotel influenced by the Byzantine heritage of the city with a modern twist. Rooms are spacious and modern and the hotel has two superb restaurants and a rooftop bar with views out to sea.

Flights

To Athens: There are direct flights to Athens from London Heathrow, Gatwick, Luton and Stansted, and Bristol, Birmingham and Manchester

From Thessaloniki: On the 30th April there are three direct flights to London - EasyJet to Gatwick, British Airways to Heathrow and Ryan Air to Stansted

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White tower, Thessaloniki (top); Plaka, Athens; Saint Paul cathedral in Thessaloniki; The Palace of Aigai, Vergina (above)