**Rosa Veritas** Netherlands

# Greece 2019

## *A Spiritual Retreat*

**18–25 May 2019** 8 days, fully serviced

# The Mysteries

## *Then, Now, the Future*

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## Introduction

## Dear members and friends from Rosa Veritas,

Greece is in many ways the source of our culture and of our spirituality. It was in Greece that we came into contact with the old mysteries from the East, in which 'initiation' was a central theme. The large cult places like Delphi, Eleusis, Corinth, Epidaurus etc. were focal points of devotion and spiritual training. 'Know thyself' was depicted above the entrance gate to the temple of Apollo in Delphi. Along the road of initiation the veil which hang over the physical world was lifted and the neophyte entered into the divine, spiritual worlds…

Also Christianity came to us mainly by way of Greece, with St Paul as the great esoteric teacher and apostle of Christ. In many of his letters you will find 'Greece': Thessaloniki, Philippi, and Corinth among others. He spoke about the 'Unknown God' on the Aeropagus hill in Athens: 'In Him we live, we move and we are'. And in Athens he founded the first esoteric Christian 'school' lead by Dionysius the Areopagite (Acts 17).

In Greece we will not only visit mystical sites and do sightseeing, but first and foremost we look for a renewed contact with our source as a spiritual movement and as individual and we look forward to how this spiritual tradition may unfold even further. Unknown ties may sometimes be made manifest by returning to the source in oneself. And in this way this travel to Greece may become a pilgrimage to our true Self. And this together with all the beauty Greece can offer even more! In the program you will find a lot of space for your own experiences, explorations and a number of excursions to highlights of the Greek ancient wisdom!

The retreat will include an orientation session via Zoom video conferencing prior to our departure for Greece. Some introductory information will be given during coach travel to and from various site visits. We'll share bread and wine in some simple agapes. And we will hold workshops in the conference facilities at our hotels to explore our experiences, responses and insights, and to give consideration to the continued unfolding of the mysteries now and into the future.

We hope you will join us on this journey into

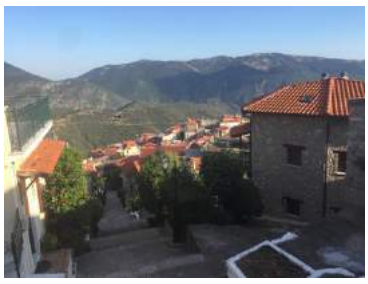
The Mysteries: Then, Now, the Future

## 1. Accommodation

**Athens 18 to 20 May (2 nights)**
**Hotel Golden City** *** *or similar*
The Athens Golden City Hotel is situated only 400 metres from the metro station Metaxourgeio, at a 10 minutes' walk from the Akropolis and close to the entertainment district Psirri. The large rooms of the Athens Golden City Hotel are accommodated with air conditioning, tv, a fridge and ironing facilities. Furthermore the hotel offers free Wi-Fi in the public spaces. It has a top roof restaurant and a panoramic view over Athens.

The retreat price is based on twin share accommodation (separate beds). Single accommodation attracts an additional charge of €27.50 per person per night.

**Delphi 20 to 22 May (2 nights)**
**Domotel Anemolia Mountain Resort** ****
This resort lies at the periphery of the village Arachoya and offers a beautiful view over the Delphi Valley. The hotel is accommodated with a swimming pool, fitness area, sauna, restaurant and bar. Every morning a breakfast buffet is served. Free Wi-Fi is available in the whole of the hotel. All rooms are accommodated with a bathroom and balcony.



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**Corinthe 22 to 25 mei (3 nights)**
**Hotel Kalamaki Beach** ****
This accommodation is situated at the beach. The hotel also provides an outdoor swimming pool. All rooms are accommodated with air conditioning, satellite television, safe and minibar. Every morning a breakfast buffet is served. Next to that the hotel offers several recreative facilities. In the public areas free Wi-Fi is provided.

The retreat price is based on twin share accommodation (separate beds). Single accommodation attracts an additional charge of €27.50 per person per night.

## 2. Flight information

Any people travelling from a country other than Holland will arrange their own transport to and from Athens.

Should you want to fly together with the people from the Netherlands, both back and forth to Athens, please let us know.

**Dutch flights**

**Flights with Transavia**

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| 18 May 2019 | Eindhoven – Athens | 14.25 – 18.30 hours |
| 25 May 2019 | Athens – Eindhoven | 19.15 – 21.35 hours |

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*When available and may be due to changes.*

## Transavia

**General terms and conditions:**

- ❖ No liability is applicable for any changes due to unforeseen circumstances (type of aircraft, the route, airport, flying times or flying days.
- ❖ Due to unforeseen circumstances an airline may annulate the whole flight. We, nor the travel organisation Excalibur, is liable for that.
- ❖ Excalibur Tours is not liable for any costs resulting from strikes.
- ❖ If any costs are increased (e.g. fuel costs) by the airline these costs will be charged to you.

## 3. Retreat Program

*8 days and 7 nights. Timing is indicative.*

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| **Day 1** | 1.25 pm | : Check in at the airport Eindhoven. |
| | 2.25 pm | : Departure to Athens. |
| | 6.30 pm | : Arrival Athens airport. |
| | 7.00 pm | : Transfer to Athens hotel (Hotel Golden City) |
| | 7.45 pm | : Check in hotel Athens. |
| | 8.30 pm | : Dinner in hotel. |

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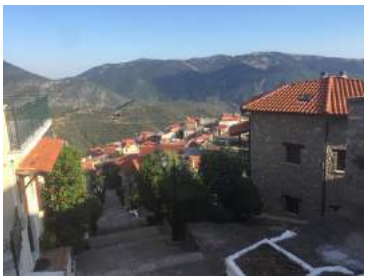
| **Day 2** | 9.00 am | : Breakfast. |
| | 10.00 am | : Departure bus for daytrip Athens. |
| | 10.30 am | : Visit Akropolis Athens (entrance included). |
| | 1.00 pm | : Lunch (free time/ not included). |
| | 2.00 pm | : Visit highlights Athens by bus / Ancient Agora (entrance included). |
| | 6.00 pm | : End of daytrip. |
| | 7.00 pm | : Dinner in hotel. |

** Please note: English speaking guide is included for the Athens daytrip.*



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| **Day 3** | 8.00 am | : Breakfast and check out hotel. |
| | 9.30 am | : Departure to Delphi area. |
| | 12.30 pm | : Arrival hotel Arachova and check in Domotel Anemolia Mountain Resort. |
| | 1.00 pm | : Lunch in hotel (included). |
| | 2.30 pm | : Workshop in conference room. |
| | 7.00 pm | : Dinner in hotel. |

** Please note: use of Conference Room in the afternoon is included.*

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| **Day 4** | 9.00 am | : Breakfast. |
| | 10.00 am | : Departure to Delphi by bus. |
| | 10.30 am | : Visit Archeological sites Delphi (entrance included). |
| | 12.30 pm | : Transfer back to hotel, |
| | 1.00 pm | : Lunch in hotel (included). |
| | 2.30 pm | : Workshop in conference room. |
| | 7.00 pm | : Dinner in hotel. |

** Please note: use of Conference Room in the afternoon is included.*

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| **Day 5** | 9.00 am | : Breakfast and check out hotel. |
| | 10.00 am | : Departure to Korinthe. |
| | 11.00 am | : Stop at Monastary Osios Loukas (entrance included). |
| | 12.00 am | : Departure to Korinthe. |
| | 1.00 pm | : Lunch (included). |
| | 3.00 pm | : Expected arrival hotel Korinthe and check in hotel Kalamaki. |
| | 3.30 pm | : Free time. |
| | 7.00 pm | : Dinner in hotel. |
| **Day 6** | 8.00 am | : Breakfast. |
| | 9.00 am | : Visit Korinthe (entrance included). |
| | 11.00 am | : Departure to Epidauros. |
| | 12.30 pm | : Lunch at Epidauros area (included). |
| | 1.30 pm | : Visit Archeological sites (entrance included). |
| | 3.00 pm | : Transfer back to hotel Korinthe. |
| | 7.00 pm | : Dinner in hotel. |
| **Day 7** | 9.00 am | : Breakfast. |
| | 10.00 am | : Workshop in conference room. |
| | 1.00 pm | : Lunch in hotel (included). |
| | 2.30 pm | : Workshop in conference room |
| | 8.00 pm | : Dinner in hotel. |

* *Please note: use of Conference Room for the whole day is included.*

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| **Day 8** | 9.00 am | : Breakfast. |
| | 10.00 am | : Workshop in conference room |
| | 1.00 pm | : Lunch in hotel (included). |
| | 2.00 pm | : Free time |
| | 4.00 pm | : Check out hotel and transfer to Athens airport. |
| | 5.15 pm | : Check in at the airport. |
| | 5.45 pm | : Dinner at Athens airport (free time / not included). |
| | 7.15 pm | : Departure flight to Eindhoven. |
| | 9.35 pm | : Arrival Eindhoven. |

* *Please note: use of Conference Room in the morning is included.*

## 4. *Costs

The cost is based on prices, exchange rates, taxes and levies as they are known now. The execution and pricing is liable to availability and unforeseen price changes or major changes in currency rates (euro – Australian dollar).

**Costs based on 12 additional people joining the retreat with the Rosa Veritas Netherlands community, covering the program in Greece as set out above. The cost does not include flights to and from Athens nor any additional sightseeing and accommodation prior to or after the official retreat program.**

Travel period: 18 to 25 May 2019

**Cost**

€ 820.- per person

*Flights to and from Athens are **not** included.*
*Participants will need to make their own travel bookings.*

*Retreat accommodation is provided for the nights of*
*Saturday 18th May to Friday 24th May inclusive.*
*Participants will need to make their own arrangements*
*for any additional accommodation they require.*

*Retreat participants may like to arrange shared holidays in Greece*
*or surrounding countries before and/or after the retreat.*

## 5. Included in the cost

- Fee Rev Robert, including retreat sessions
- Transport to the airport on day 8.
- Day tour Athens incl. English speaking guide on day 2.
- Transport Athens to Delphi on day 3.
- Transport from Delphi to Corinth on day 5.
- Day tour by bus on day 6.
- Use of conference rooms at day 3 (afternoon), day 4 (afternoon) day 7 (full day), and day 8 (morning).
- 7 nights in a two person bedroom based on lodging, breakfast, dinner.
- Lunch on day 3 to 8.
- Tourist tax (City Tax).
- Excursions and entrance fees as described in the program.
- Bedding and towels.
- Program support.
- 24/7 emergency number service.
- Dues SGRZ, see www.sgrz.nl/garantieregeling.
- Liability insurance Touroperating ANVR.
- Obligatory dues Stichting Calamiteitenfonds Reizen à € 2,50 per 9 participants, see www.calamiteitenfonds.nl.

## 6. Not included

- Transport from place of living to Athens v.v.
- Possible vias costs.
- Lunch at day 1 and 2.
- Additional charge for single accommodation.
- Late check-out on day 8.
- Other excursions and entrance fees.
- Insurances.

## 7. Insurances

We assume that every participant takes care of his or her own travel and/or cancelation insurances.

## 8. Excalibur Tours

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## 9. Travel conditions applicable

**ANVR – Reizigersvoorwaarden (travel conditions)**
Excalibur Tours Nederland BV is member of the ANVR. This organisation imposes strict conditions for membership. Their conditions are applicable: see here. Next to that you may here view their additional conditions.

**Stichting Garantiefonds Reisgelden Zakelijk (SGRZ)**
Excalibur Tours Nederland BV (KvK nr. 64168700) is member of SGRZ. See www.sgrz.nl. It guarantees that money will be refunded when the tour operator goes broke and if necessary a home flight.

**Stichting Calamiteitenfonds Reizen**
Excalibur Tours Nederland BV is member of *Stichting Calamiteitenfonds Reizen*. If any calamities occur and the tour cannot be executed (part of) the fee may be refunded, or additional cost due to a necessary change in the tour, or due to repatriation (Dutch participants). A calamity is molest (damage caused by armed conflict, civil war, revolt, mutiny, etc.) or natural disaster.