

**THE METROPOLITAN YOUTH ORCHESTRA OF NEW YORK
CHORAL AND ORCHESTRAL PROGRAMS
CLASSICAL GREECE!**

JULY 6-18, 2026



**NAFPLIO
OLYMPIA
ITEA
DELPHI
KALAMBAKA
ATHENS**



ITINERARY

Day 1 Monday, July 6, 2026 Depart the USA
Depart New York-JFK overnight to Europe. Enjoy complimentary
inflight meals, beverages and entertainment.

Day 2 Tuesday, July 7, 2026 Arrival | Corinth Canal | Nafplio
Morning arrival in Athens. Meet your Greek tour managers who
will be with you for the duration of the program. Depart from
Athens to the Peloponnese. Make a stop at the Corinth Canal as
you travel to Nafplio, a charming seaside town. Check into the
hotel and enjoy a buffet welcome dinner. Meals: Inflight/D

Day 3 Wednesday, July 8, 2026 Argolis | Nafplio
Visit ancient Mycenae where 19th century excavations reveal
the splendors so vividly described by Homer. Continue to
Epidauros to see the amazingly well-preserved 2,300-year-old
open-air theatre. During the afternoon, have lunch and rehearse
for your concert in Nafplio. Perform an evening concert in
Syntagma Square or at the Fouguro Art Center of Nafplio. B/L/D

Day 4 Thursday, July 9, 2026 Nafplio | Olympia
Depart from Nafplio for Olympia. On arrival, enjoy a guided visit
to this ancient site. In this historic village, athletes of antiquity
competed in honor of the King of Deities. Take the afternoon to
explore the town and get lunch. Check into your hotel. Enjoy a
festive evening dinner at the Touris Club with Greek music and
dance lessons. B/L/D

Day 5 Friday, July 10, 2026 Olympia | Nafpaktos | Itea
Depart from Olympia via Patras and cross to the mainland over
the imposing Rion-Antirion suspension bridge. Make a stop in
the lovely seaside village of Nafpaktos for lunch. Our final
destination is the small seaside town of Itea. Check into the
hotel with time to enjoy the seaside promenade and get dinner
with friends at a local cafe or restaurant. B

Day 6 Saturday, July 11, 2026 Delphi | Itea
Make a morning visit to the Archeological site of Delphi and the
ancient sanctuary of Apollo with its dramatic setting on Mount
Parnassus. You will also visit the Archeological Museum. Get
lunch in Delphi and do some souvenir shopping before returning
to Itea. Evening concert at Angali Plaza Koniakos Center or in
the nearby town of Amfissa. B/D

Day 7 Sunday, July 12, 2026 Itea | Kalambaka
Depart in the morning north to the scenic Meteora, a rock
formation in northwestern Greece, that hosts one of the most
prominent complexes of Eastern Orthodox monasteries in the
world. See one of these unique monasteries and then travel to
the village of Kalambaka. Check in to the hotel and enjoy dinner.
Relax and enjoy the hotel pool. B/L/D

Day 8 Monday, July 13, 2026 Meteora | Kalambaka
Morning visit to another one of the amazing Byzantine Meteora
monasteries. Amongst striking scenery, they are perched on
sheer-sided gray rock pinnacles of varied and spectacular
shapes. The monasteries appear to be suspended in mid-air.
Possible evening concert performance in Kalambaka. B/D

Day 9 Tuesday, July 14, 2026 Kalambaka | Athens
Depart for Athens. We'll stop at a local outdoor taverna for lunch
en route. On arrival in Athens, check into your centrally located
hotel. Take an evening walk to Philopappos Hill for spectacular
views to the Acropolis and Parthenon. Enjoy dinner at the hotel
to conclude the day. B/L/D

Day 10 Wednesday, July 15, 2026 Athens
Take in the classical sights of Athens today including the
Parthenon, high atop the Acropolis. See the Erechtheum with
its Porch of Maidens, the Roman Temple of Zeus and the
Agora. The afternoon is free to enjoy lunch and souvenir
shopping in the ancient Plaka. You could also visit the
Acropolis Museum. Perform the final concert of the tour in a
local Athens concert venue. B/D

Day 11 Thursday, July 16, 2026 Cape Sounion | Athens
Travel along the southern coast to Cape Sounion. The temple
of Poseidon, the ancient Greek god of the sea, dominates the
southernmost tip of Attica, where the horizon meets the
Aegean Sea. After our visit we'll stop south of Athens along the
Athenian Riviera, stretching from Sounion to Piraeus. Popular
beaches such as Glyfada, Voula, Vouliagmeni, Varkiza, and
Lagonisi will give you the feel of true Greek beach vibe! Return
to Athens with time to freshen up and change before a festive
evening dinner in the Plaka with food, music and dance. B/D

Day 12 Friday, July 17, 2026 Saronic Islands | Athens
On the final day of your tour, board your cruise ship to the
islands of the Saronic Gulf. On Aegina, you can shop along the
harbor filled with fishing boats and fruit stands. On the small
island of Poros, walk the winding streets and amongst lemon
trees to the clock tower for views of the Peloponnese. After
lunch on the ship, continue to Hydra, one of the most
cosmopolitan of the Saronic Gulf islands. Return to Athens with
dinner at the hotel. Pack for journey home. B/L/D

Day 13 Saturday, July 18, 2026 Return to USA
Board your return nonstop flight from Athens to New York-JFK
International. Clear US Immigration and Customs. Meet
relatives in the international arrivals area. B/Inflight



METEORA MONASTERIES

INCLUDED

- Round trip airfare from New York-JFK to Athens, Greece
- Transportation by deluxe motor coach in Greece
- Professional Greek tour manager on each motor coach
- 11-nights in twin occupancy at 4-star hotels
- Buffet breakfast daily, 10-group dinners & 5-lunches
- Guided tours of Mycenae & Epidaurus
- Guided tour of Delphi & Archeological Museum
- Guided tour of Olympia
- Guided tour of the Meteora Monasteries
- Guided tour of the Parthenon and Acropolis in Athens
- Excursion to Cape Sounion
- Cruise to the Saronic Gulf islands with an included lunch
- Admissions required for included sightseeing program
- Greek music & dance demonstration in Olympia
- Rental of cello, double bass, percussion and tuba
- Online tour registration
- Individual billing with installment payment plan
- Option to pay by check or debit/credit card (3% fee)
- 1-checked piece, 1-carry-on and 1-personal item free
- Gratuities to tour drivers, guides, group restaurants
- Complete set of travel documents
- Access to the GT travel app (optional)
- Separate Family companion tour offered

NOT INCLUDED

- Passport with 6-months of validity from return date
- Any required Visa for foreign passport holders
- 6 lunches while touring (Budget 10 -15 Euro)
- 1 dinner as outlined in itinerary (Budget 15-20 Euro)
- Bottled beverages in addition to provided table-water
- Oversized/overweight personal baggage fees
- Travel Protection including coverage for trip cancellation, interruption, medical issues, baggage delay/loss
- Any souvenirs you wish to purchase

ELIGIBILITY

- Eligibility: Registered 2025-2026 MYO Members entering 9th grade - 12th grade in September 2025 are eligible for the Summer Performance Tour to Greece and MYO Alumni and non-MYO members are eligible to audition after December 1, 2025
- All Greece Tour Auditions are by video submission only, no live auditions
- The audition recording should consist of one prepared instrumental or vocal solo of your choice, with or without accompaniment
- There is a \$30 tour audition application fee

AUDITION TIMELINE

- September 1: Tour Video Auditions Open
- September 29: Tour Video Auditions Close
- October 16: Email tour ensemble placement notifications and provide tour registration weblink, password access, and Family Tour link/password
- November 1: Tour Registration Deadline and First Tour Payment of \$500 due to GrandTours
- Tour Registration will remain open to fill spots as needed

IMPORTANT REMINDER: Tour spots may fill up quickly, please do not wait to register once notified.



TOUR FINANCE

TOUR PRICING:

- \$5,895.00 Per Person (MYO Performers/payment by check)
- A 3% SERVICE FEE WILL BE ADDED TO ALL ONLINE DEBIT/CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS WHEN PROCESSED

PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

- November 1, 2025 \$500 deposit due
- February 1, 2026 \$2,000 payment due
- March 1, 2026 \$2,000 payment due
- May 1, 2026 Final balance due

CANCELLATION POLICY

- 120 or more days prior to departure = Full refund
- 119 to 90 days prior = \$500 cancellation fee (tour deposit)
- 89 to 60 days prior = \$1,500 cancellation fee
- 59 to 30 days prior = \$2,500 cancellation fee
- 29 to 0 days prior = No refund (100% penalty)

GrandTours will be collecting all payments for the tour. Details about making payments for the tour by check or debit/credit are outlined in detail on the tour website. All debit/credit card charges will have a non-refundable 3% fee added at the time the charge is processed. GrandTours will abide by the above cancellation policy without exception.

We strongly recommend the purchase of travel insurance trip protection that includes pre-trip cancellation. Travel insurance options are outlined on the tour website. Contact GrandTours or MYO with questions about the tour program and registration.

Note: Once tour auditions are completed and you are accepted to a tour ensemble, you will be emailed the tour registration website link and password. We will also communicate the information and pricing for the Family Tour to all registered participants at that time.

HOTELS

July 7-9 - Nafplio
Amalia Hotel amaliahotels.com/nafplio/hotel/

July 9-10 - Olympia
Europa Hotel hoteleuropa.gr/

July 10-12 - Itea
Nafsika Palace Hotel nafsikapalace.gr/

July 12-14 - Kalambaka
Amalia Hotel amalia.gr/kalambaka/

July 14-18 - Athens
Divani Acropolis divaniacropolishotel.com/

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