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Western Greece, the Ionian and Corfu: Castles and Fortresses

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Greece is a treasure-trove of architectural and historical sites. Specialist tour operator **Eternal Greece Ltd** offers an inspiring and illuminating ten-day guided tour of the Gulf of Corinth, the Ionian coast, the proximal hinterland of western Greece and the island of Corfu.

The tour will start on 12 May 2024 and will mainly look at Venetian fortifications but will also include Turkish, mediaeval and some celebrated sites of Classical antiquity, in the splendid Spring countryside of Greece.

Greece has been a strategic crossroads since time immemorial and the legacy of its rich history is visible in the castles and archaeological sites with which adorn every corner of this magnificent country. This well-researched and rewarding tour provides a deeply informative and expert introduction to specially-selected castles, fortresses and archaeological wonders in the land of legends and heroes – Greece. The organiser, Eternal Greece Ltd, is a UK specialist tour operating company which designs and runs thematic tours exclusively in Greece.

The typical audience of this programme would include avid admirers and discerning connoisseurs of castles and fortresses, Classical Greek archaeology, history (Classical Greek, Byzantine, Frankish, Venetian and Ottoman) and also of natural beauty, who would relish the experience of seeing some of the most evocative sites and monuments in combination with the splendid nature of Greece.

At a glance:

EUR 2,300

The price is per participant basis double room sharing and includes the following:

- . Air-conditioned coach for 10 days, with free WiFi
- . Hotel accommodation for nine nights basis double sharing, including breakfast. Single room occupancy available at a supplement of EUR 150. Price excludes accommodation tax, typically EUR 0.50 to EUR 3/ night, which is payable upon checkout. Licenced guide(s)
- . Group leader throughout the tour
- . One main meal per day
- . Entry tickets to archaeological/historical sites and museums
- . Free WiFi during the visits to the sites

Please note that a deposit of 30% will be required upon booking, balance payable by 13 March





Provisional programme:

12 May: The coach will depart from our central Athens meeting point for the drive to the Castle of Morea (Rio), where the Fortress Study Group will award a plaque recognising the excellence of the restorations, at an event hosted by the local authorities. Onwards to our first base at Lepanto (Nafpaktos).

13 May: Full day to visit the castle, city walls and port fortifications of Lepanto, where we will again spend the night.

14 May: Visit to the castle of Roumeli (Antirrio) and onwards to our base in the vicinity of Lefkas/Preveza, via a short stop at Mesolonghi.

15 May: Visit to the regional sites proximal to Lefkas - Santa Maura, Grivas, St. George Plagia. Overnight in the vicinity of Lefkas/Preveza.

16 May: Visits to the castles/fortifications of Vonitsa, Pantokrator and sites within Preveza town. Overnight in the vicinity of Lefkas/Preveza.

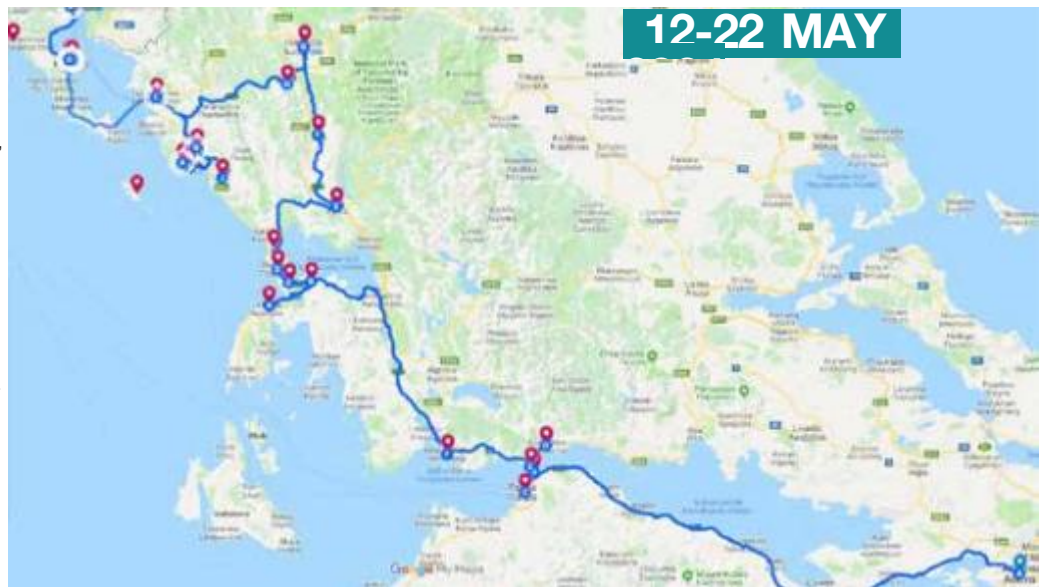
17 May: Visits to the remarkable ruins of Nikopolis and the castles of Arta and Pente Pighadia. Overnight at Ioannina.

18 May: Exploration of the castle of Ioannina and visit to Ancient Dodona. Drive to Parga, where we will spend the night.

19 May: Visit to Anthoussa (Ali Pasha) castle, Maragríti castle and, time permitting, to Acheron Necromancy. Drive to Igoumenitsa for the ferry to Corfu. Overnight in Corfu.

20 May: Full day in Corfu. Visit to the Palaio and Neo Frourio. Overnight at Corfu.

21 May: Visit to Vido island and Corfu's city walls. Overnight at Corfu and flight home the following day, with an option to extend the stay for further explorations (Angelokastro, Kassiope castle, Paxoi...).



Accommodation is at specially-selected, European standard city and country hotels. Transportation is by modern, air-conditioned coach whilst the venues for lunch and dinner have been carefully chosen, not least with the hungry explorer in mind!

