



# The Peloponnese

Whatever your interests, the Peloponnese offers huge scope for a holiday. You cannot do more than scratch the surface of this vast peninsula on one visit, which is why so many return.



## Methoni

The pretty town of Methoni possesses a delightfully lazy Greek air and a long sandy beach shelving very gently into a warm sheltered sea. Its surroundings are dominated by an impressive fortress stretching into the sea, and the remnants of a Venetian cathedral and a Turkish bath can be seen within the castle walls.



## Kardamili

Designated as a village of special beauty, Kardamili is in the upper (outer) part of the central Mani peninsula. It is an upmarket little place of great appeal to writers, artists, walkers and nature-lovers. With the peaks of the Taygetos range behind, Kardamili occupies a privileged spot on this spectacular stretch of coastline. Kardamili has some seven or eight good restaurants, several bars/cafés, and a number of small shops.



## Stoupa

The delightful village of Stoupa is the closest thing the Mani has to a small resort, thanks to its two beautiful, sandy beaches, Kalogria and Stoupa. The setting is complemented with a backdrop of olive covered hills and the magnificent Taygetos mountains, making for a truly stunning location with all the facilities for a relaxed holiday. You should not be surprised to read that Stoupa holds particular appeal for couples of all ages and younger families.



## Aghios Nikolaos

Aghios Nikolaos just to the south of Stoupa is the archetypal sleepy Greek fishing village, and the cafés and restaurants above the exquisite small harbour here are the perfect place from which to watch the boats come and go. Pantazi beach is a 15 minute walk to the south, its wide stretch of sand/shingle shaded by trees.

Surrounded by shimmering seas and backed by a twisting coast the Peloponnese contains beaches that match those on any of the islands. Add to that the greatest concentration of ancient sites anywhere in Greece, and the breathtaking Mani peninsula - a beacon for artists and nature lovers - and it is clear that the region offers something for all.



## Chrani

Halfway down the inner side of the fertile, rolling Messinian peninsula, Chrani is a quiet seaside hamlet with a long uncrowded beach and memorable views across the gulf to the mountainous Mani opposite. All around are trees, shrubs and flowers: it remains green here even in high summer. There is a mini-market, café, bakery and four good tavernas.



## Finikounda

Blessed with superb beaches, Finikounda is the prettiest seaside village of the Messinian peninsula. The three golden, uncrowded beaches here are of coarse sand (with some fine shingle outcrops) and shelve into a turquoise sea. In season some dozen tavernas, known for their fresh fish, offer good dining choices and there are a number of small village shops, cafés and bars. The village has some nightlife, especially in peak, but for most of the year is low-key and relaxed.



## Pylos

Pylos is an extremely attractive, historic and stylish small town with cafes, tavernas and restaurants galore, at the top of the Messinian peninsula on its western side. It has one of the best natural harbours in Greece – Navarino Bay, and some 16 kms to the north is Homeric Nestor's Palace, artefacts from which can be viewed in the impressive new Pylos museum. Ancient Messini and the bird-rich wetlands of Gialova are also within reach.



## Gialova

The seaside hamlet of Gialova is just 6 kms to the north of Pylos and known for its fine sandy beaches – the best is superb Voidokilia, just a 10-15 minute drive away. For such a small place Gialova has a wide choice of tavernas and a number of quite smart cafe/beach bars as well as a mini-market and a bicycle hire shop (bike is a good way to get around as the area is largely flat). The whole area is now a nature reserve noted for its bird life and unique species of chameleon.



## Gerolimenas and the Deep Mani

The Deep Mani is the land of the tower houses - built to defend the occupants not only from pirate invaders but also their own neighbours due to generational feuding! Combined with the harsh rocky terrain, with high mountains as far as you can see to one side and the deep blue of the sea to the other, and you will see why deep Mani is one of the most hauntingly beautiful, distinctive and atmospheric regions in all Greece.

The tiny fishing village of Gerolimenas has a pebble beach, a handful of waterside tavernas and one of the most delightful hotels (the Kyrimai) in the entire south Peloponnese.



## Monemvasia

The vast fortified island rock of Monemvasia in the south east, with sea to three sides and reached only by a narrow causeway, is one of the highlights of the Peloponnese. Sometimes called 'the Gibraltar of the East' (for obvious reasons), this remarkably preserved medieval town is a draw for Greeks and foreigners alike. Due to the remote location and the distance from Kalamata Airport we feature Monemvasia on our fly drive programme.



## Tolon

Tolon is in the historic Argolis region of the north eastern Peloponnese, and we featured it in our very first Greek programme nearly fifty years ago! In that time we have seen the village grow into a thriving small resort with a very wide appeal. We are not surprised – the sheer range of things you can see and do from here is enormous. Built around the curve of a sheltered bay, Tolon has a very long sandy beach - narrow at the village end, widening out as you walk around the bay. Watersports and diving are available. A tempting array of cafés and small restaurants lines the beach – there are more in the village, as well as a sprinkling of bars.



## Nafplion

Nafplion, quickly reached by bus from Tolon, was the first capital of the modern nation and the narrow lanes of the old town, its mix of Venetian, Turkish and neoclassical architecture, the busy waterfront, the shaded squares and the many fine tavernas, make this historic town a magnet for Greek and foreign visitors alike.

# Messinia – Chrani

The landscape of Messinia includes endless olive groves, large sandy beaches and well preserved ancient castles. Resort villages like Methoni and Finikounda go about their daily business in a friendly, unhurried manner whilst the coastal resorts of Gialova and Chrani are perfect for lazing away during those hot summer days.

## Ilaira Apartments Chrani, Messinia

In a prime position directly above Chrani beach (60 steps down), the popular Ilaira Apartments offer good standards, a peaceful beach location, great views and a swimming pool.

Accommodation is offered in 1-bedroom, open-plan units, each with A/C, WiFi, double bedroom, living area with full-sized sofa bed, kitchenette, shower room and a furnished balcony or patio area with front or side views over the Messinian Gulf to the mountains of the Mani beyond. Some have a

sliding door between the bedroom and living room.

For families, two apartments can interconnect.

The pool measures c.72 sq m with a jacuzzi section. A snack bar operates in high season.

Chrani's handful of shops and restaurants are within a 10 minute walk.

**Board Basis:** Self Catering

Guide price from **£966 per person\***



## Kalamaki Villas Chrani Area, Messinia

The Kalamaki Villas are within a small, private, forested, hillside estate 300 feet above sea level. There are panoramic views (enjoyed from all the villas) across the Gulf of Messini to the 2,400m Taygetos mountain range. It's an easy 5-10 minute drive to the seaside villages of Petalidi (known for its fish restaurants) and Chrani.

Sunrises are spectacular and the mountains often snow-clad until the spring.

The nine villas are quite private, each with its own pool (10m x 5m). All

possess A/C in the bedrooms, WiFi, shower room and large covered terrace above the pool with super views over the sea to the mountains of Mani.

The villas comprise a 1-bedroom for a couple, 2 bedrooms for a family of 5 and 3 bedrooms that can sleep up to 7. As such they offer flexible accommodation options for larger party sizes taking more than one villa.

**Board Basis:** Self Catering

Guide price from **£1162 per person\***

## Sophia Apartments Chrani, Messinia

Sophia Apartments has long been one of our most popular properties as it offers peace and quiet, plenty of space and wonderful views from its generous balconies over lush gardens, the coastline and sea.

There are 2 buildings. The 1-bedroom units are upper ground and first floor. They have a double bedroom (ceiling fan), living room with 2 sofa-beds, kitchenette and shower room. All have balcony/terrace with sea, country and coastline views.

The top floor 2-bedroom unit has 1 twin and 1 double bedroom (each with a ceiling fan), living room with sofa-bed and kitchen area. There are 2 bathrooms (shower).

Each apartment has its own sunbeds and umbrella on the beach (50m). It is a 10 minute walk to the small 'centre' of the village.

**Board Basis:** Self Catering

Guide price from **£838 per person\***



# Messinia – Finikounda, Methoni, Gialova

Called “the Garden of the Peloponnese”, the south west remains devoted primarily to agriculture and fishing.

## Fotis Apartments Finikounda, Messinia

Fotis Apartments are in a quiet residential street a 2 minute walk (slightly uphill) from the beautiful sandy beach and 5 minutes from the centre of pretty Finikounda.

The 11 units are on the upper floors of the buildings on two sides of the pool. All have a kitchenette, A/C (payable locally), shower room and balcony with pool and sea views over the village rooftops.

Studios are twin bedded; the apartments are with double bed and living room with a semi-double

sofa-bed for 1 adult or 2 small children.

The pool measures 60 sq m with a children's section.

All in all a most attractive property, quiet with sea views and offering a good modern standard in an excellent location.

**Board Basis:** Self Catering

Guide price from **£1013 per person\***



## Ulysses Hotel Methoni, Messinia

An excellent small, friendly hotel with an intimate atmosphere, the Ulysses is in a quiet yet central location a minute's walk from Methoni's long, safe sandy beach.

The Ulysses has nine elegantly furnished rooms, all with shower room, WiFi and A/C. Most have a balcony with village or castle views.

On the ground floor is the reception and bar. To the front is a delightfully cool vine-shaded courtyard, where the hotel's varied and hearty breakfast can be taken.

The hotel can usually arrange a visit to the protected island of Sapienza across the bay for swimming and walking, should access be allowed.

A charming hotel, full of character and warmth, where the owners really know how to look after their guests and will help you make the most of Methoni and the area.

**Board Basis:** Bed & Breakfast

Guide price from **£960 per person\***

## Zoe Hotel Gialova, Messinia

This family-run hotel is at the small seaside resort of Gialova, 6 kms north of the historic town of Pylos. It is a kilometre from the edge of a nature reserve known for its birdlife and is in a quiet location across a cul-de-sac from the sandy beach.

There are 20 Superior rooms, each of a 4-star standard and with twin or double bed (king size), rainwater shower, sea view balcony, A/C and WiFi. Two Room Family Suites for 4 and top floor Loft Rooms (no balcony) can be booked.

The restaurant here is excellent.

In the gardens behind are the Zoe Apartments and a 250 sq m pool (mid-April to late October, depth 1.85m). Free sunbeds on the beach.

Gialova has a choice of tavernas, some cafes and a mini-market. The hotel enjoys many loyal, repeat guests.

**Board Basis:** Bed & Breakfast

Guide price from **£1354 per person\***



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# Mani - Kardamili and Stoupa

Running the length of the Peloponnese middle peninsula, the Mani is one of Greece's most dramatic and fascinating areas. With a spine of high mountains - lush in the north, barren and rugged in the south - Kardamili halfway down is an utter delight and one of our favourite villages. Nearby, popular Stoupa's two fine sandy beaches attract plenty of visitors.

## Kastro Houses Kardamili, Mani

These superb houses are the best we have seen in this most beautiful area. Situated in an olive grove a 7-8 minute walk from Kardamili and a 5 minute walk from the beach, these 4 stone houses offer high standards, privacy, peace and quiet.

Two 1-bedroom bungalow-style houses have an open plan living room with a fitted kitchen area and a double bedroom with shower room. Outside is a private shaded terrace.

Of the other 2, one is split level with

the bedroom and shower above the living room and kitchen area. It has a shaded side terrace and a balcony off the bedroom with sea, mountain and village views. The other has the same layout but with 2 upstairs bedrooms, shower and sea view terrace.

All are beautifully furnished and have A/C and WiFi.

**Board Basis:** Self Catering

Guide price from **£1126 per person\***



## Liakoto Apartments Kardamili, Mani

On Kardamili's peaceful seafront, the Liakoto Apartments have a civilised and welcoming ambiance. A short walk brings you to Kardamili's centre. With its swimming pool, sun terrace and swimming area above the sea, the Liakoto offers everything needed for a relaxing holiday.

There are 24 studios, apartments and suites. Studios have twin beds (double on request), kitchenette, WiFi, A/C, shower room and balcony with views to sea, pool or mountain.

Apartments are similar plus a living room with double sofa-bed for an adult or 2 children. The pair of top floor suites have 2 bedrooms (a double and a twin), en suite showers plus living room.

Continental breakfast, if required, can be served in your room.

**Board Basis:** Self Catering

Guide price from **£1086 per person\***

## Anniska Apartments Kardamili, Mani

In the heart of Kardamili (3 min walk to the centre, 10 mins to beach), the Anniska is located in a quiet street leading down to the sea, a perfect spot to make the most of this pretty village.

The 22 studios and apartments are in two 2-storey buildings. All are warmly decorated, with twin iron beds (doubles, on request), kitchenette, A/C, WiFi, shower room and balcony or terrace with side-sea, village and/or mountain views.

The apartments with the same facilities, have a separate living room with sofa-bed.

To the front is a spacious first floor terrace with sea view, coffee-bar and lounge (Continental breakfast available).

Above the sea is a private area with sun beds and a ladder into the water. There is also a delightful furnished courtyard patio.

**Board Basis:** Self Catering

Guide price from **£1086 per person\***



## Kalamitsi Hotel Kardamili, Mani

The hotel is built above a beautiful bay a mile south of Kardamili. A long white pebble beach is nearby.

Designed in Maniot style, stone buildings of one or two storeys are dotted amongst olive trees. The main building has a lift, the BB rooms (double or twin) and the beautiful Suites. All have A/C, WiFi, shower room and balcony with sea, country or mountain views. Rooms are furnished in local style.

The studios are terraced and are sold on a room only basis. They offer the same facilities plus a kitchenette and

have a veranda looking onto the olive grove. The Family Studio sleeps up to 5 and has 2 bedrooms (1 double, 1 twin) plus a living room with kitchenette and a child sofa bed.

The Kalamitsi is a small and friendly hotel, and the family deserves credit for carefully preserving the natural surroundings here. A very peaceful location in a beautiful setting.

**Board Basis:** Bed & Breakfast, Self Catering

Guide price from **£1246 per person\***



## Angela Studios Stoupa, Mani

Quietly located towards the back of Stoupa, 450m from the beach, the Angela Studios are set in mature gardens flanked by olive groves.

There are 6 studios on 2 floors, all twin bedded (double on request) and with shower room, kitchenette, single sofa bed, A/C (payable locally) and balcony/terrace with garden and mountain views. There are three 1 bedroom apartments (same facilities as the studios) with a double bedroom, living room with

kitchen, dining area and sofa, and balcony with pool views.

The pool measures 10m x 5m. There is an adjacent children's section. WiFi is available in public areas.

The garden to the rear is secluded. It's an easy walk to the beach and central tavernas.

**Board Basis:** Self Catering

Guide price from **£974 per person\***

## Lefktron Hotel Stoupa, Mani

This passionately run family managed hotel has been a part of Stoupa since tourism came to the village and has, over the years, built up loyal clients who return year upon year to meet old friends and make new ones.

100 metres from the lovely sandy beach and village centre, this is ideal for those wanting a comfortable hotel with personal service and bags of charm.

There are 32 neatly decorated rooms. All rooms are with

twin/double beds, shower room, A/C, WiFi and small balcony.

The pool measures 80 sqm - drinks and snacks can be ordered from the bar. Other amenities include lounge, lift and parking area.

A popular hotel.

**Board Basis:** Bed & Breakfast

Guide price from **£981 per person\***



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# Argolis - Tolon

Aside from the beautiful long beach, cafes and seaside tavernas, Tolon is the perfect base from which to explore. Ancient Mycenae, Argos, Tyrins, Corinth and the impressive amphitheatre of Epidavros are easily accessible; boat excursions run regularly to the Saronic isles of Hydra and Spetses and in the next bay is ancient Assini, from where a fleet was launched against Troy.

## Romvi Hotel Tolon, Argolis

The Romvi Hotel has a prime beachfront position (village end of Tolon) a short walk from the harbour, high street, and cafés and tavernas.

14 rooms are on its upper two floors (note, no lift). Most are twin-bed.

Our rooms are directly above the sea, each with a private balcony terrace from which to enjoy the sea views. All have shower room, A/C and WiFi.

The Family Suite has 2 rooms – one double (front) with sea view, one

twin (rear) – each with AC and its own balcony.

The large covered terrace downstairs features a good taverna restaurant. A drink or an ice-cream on the terrace provides a welcome escape from the heat of the day.

Wonderful views, home cooking and excellent location ensure repeat visits annually.

**Board Basis:** Bed & Breakfast

Guide price from **£1059 per person\***



## Minoa Hotel Tolon, Argolis

On the sea - perhaps the best spot in the village - with a small beach to one side and close to Tolon's fishing harbour, this long established hotel has built an excellent reputation. The family ensure a friendly welcome.

The standard of accommodation and facilities are above its official category and, in our opinion, is one of the best run and most comfortable hotels in Tolon.

There are 44 standard mountain and sea view rooms, 2 larger sea

view rooms for families and 3 junior suites. Rooms have bright modern decor, A/C, WiFi, shower room and balcony.

There is a good restaurant, lounge, beach bar, lift and sunbeds and umbrellas. Guests can use the pool of the King Minos (5 minute walk but steep).

**Board Basis:** Bed & Breakfast

Guide price from **£1118 per person\***

## Stella Apartments Tolon, Argolis

The Stella Apartments occupy a prime beachfront location. We consider them to be amongst the pick of Tolon's accommodation.

There are four maisonettes on the ground floor with a large sun terrace directly above the beach. Open-plan, each has a living room with a kitchen area and one or two sofa-beds, shower room, A/C (payable locally), and steep stairs up to a sleeping gallery above with twin/double beds and sea views.

The studios are on the second floor (no lift). Also twin-bedded, there is an open plan kitchen area, shower room and a private balcony. Our studios are directly sea-facing with panoramic sea views.

Furnishings are tasteful and modern.

**Board Basis:** Self Catering

Guide price from **£1104 per person\***



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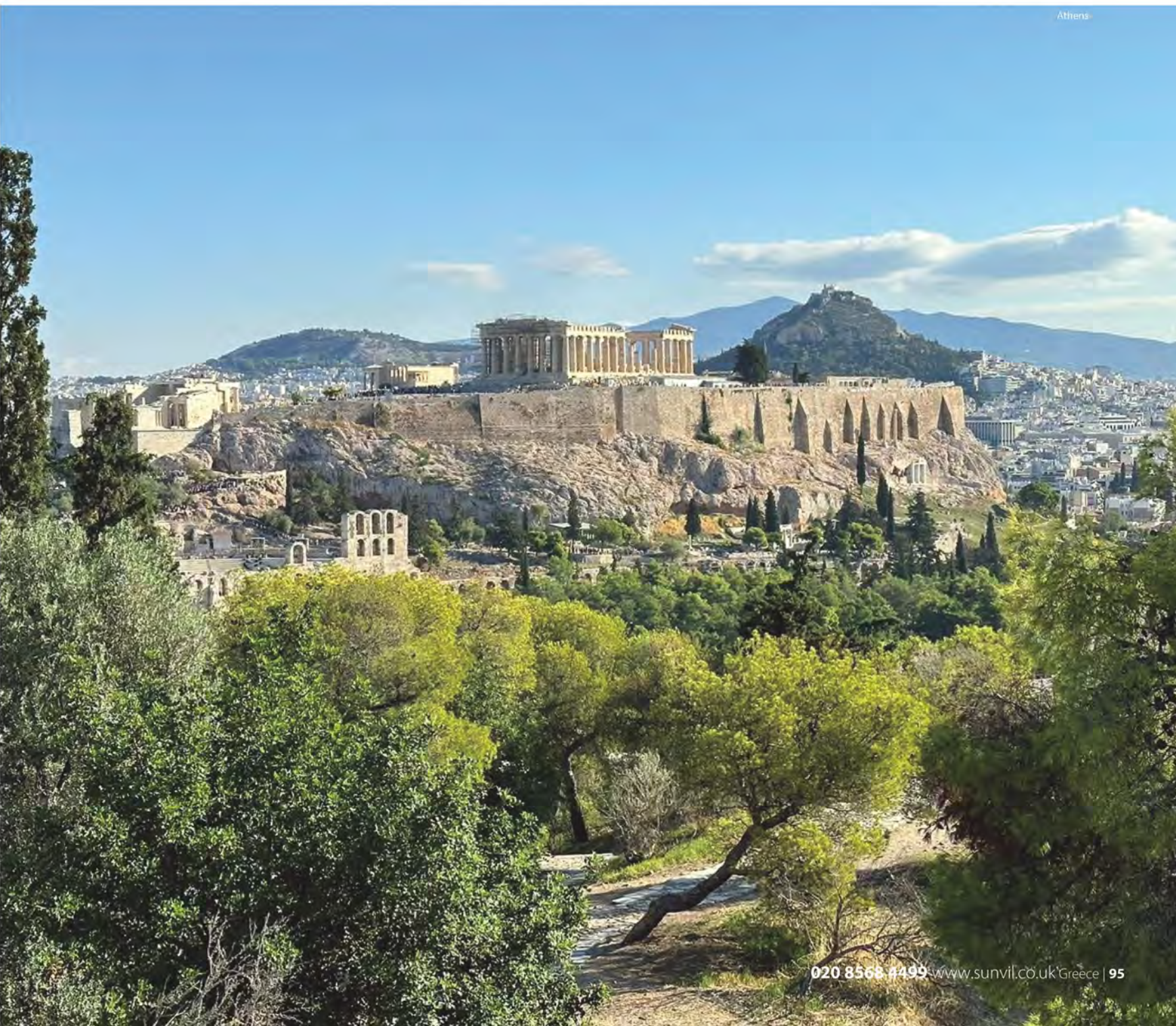
# Private Tours from Athens

If you prefer not to drive, and an organised coach tour does not appeal, we can arrange private tours using comfortable Mercedes mini-vans for up to 6 persons (plus English speaking driver and, if required, an official guide). They are suitable for day tours as well as longer bespoke trips.

## Popular day tours include

- **Athens** (half or full day)
- **Cape Sounion** (can combine with Athens)
- **Delphi**
- **Marathon**
- **Corinth and Argolis** (Corinth, Nemea, Mycenae, Nafplion, Epidavros).

Please enquire for prices. Longer tours are bespoke, so the itinerary is entirely up to you. A popular option, which can also be done your own hire car as a fly drive in a week, includes Athens, Delphi, Olympia and Nafplion. Suggestions for going further afield could include the south Peloponnese, Monemvasia and the 'Monasteries in the Air' of Meteora.



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