

**Fully Escorted Tour to Jewish Greece
June 3-June 18, 2012**

**(Includes Salonika, Ioannina, Arta, Preveza, Athens, Chalkis and a 3 day cruise in the Aegean Sea
(Mykonos, Santorini, Crete, Patmos and Ephesis in Turkey))**

Day 1: Sunday: June 3: Leave NY-direct flight to Athens on major airline

Day 2: Monday: June 4: Arrive in Athens with a connecting flight to Thessaloniki (Salonika). Our hotel, as always, is the best hotel in the city, the Electra Palace, located on Plateia Aristotle.

Welcome dinner at traditional taverna with music (included).



Thessaloniki



Day 3: Tuesday: June 5: Our first day in the province of Macedonia starts with a morning bus tour of Salonika. First we visit the Jewish cemetery where gravestones salvaged from the former cemetery are on view. After passing by former Jewish owned villas, we climb to the upper city (Ano Poli) where we view the city from the ancient walls. Overnight in Thessaloniki (Electra Palace)



Saul Modiano market in Salonika

From Museum of the Jewish Presence in Thessaloniki (Salonika)

Day 4: Wednesday: June 6: Salonika: visit to Jewish Museum of Thessaloniki & both remaining synagogues. Afternoon free to shop, sightsee or visit some of the excellent museums in the city. Overnight in Thessaloniki (Electra Palace)

Day 5: Thursday: June 7: We say goodbye to Salonika and travel by bus to **Ioannina**. Along the way, we stop at a traditional village for lunch. We will be staying at the Du Lac Hotel, our favorite hotel in Ioannina. The Du Lac is a magnificent hotel with an outdoor pool and the location could not be better. From your window you can see the legendary Lake Pamvotia and the hotel is only a short walk to the Kastro and the synagogue of Ioannina.



View of lake Pamvotia



Inside the Kastro

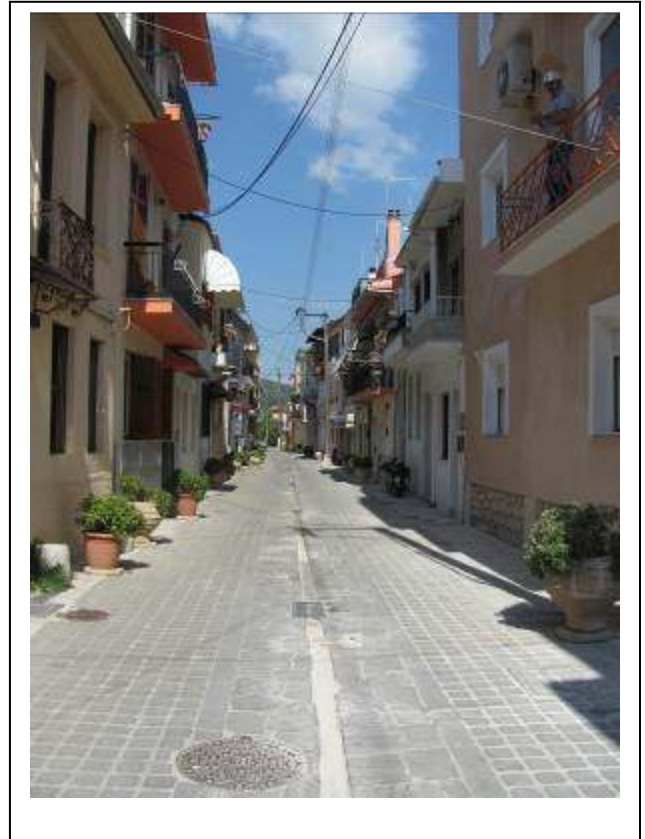


Courtyard of synagogue in Ioannina

Day 6: Friday: June 8: Ioannina: Walking tour of Jewish Ioannina. Visit the Kastro and walk the cobblestoned streets where, for centuries, the Jewish community of Ioannina lived. Friday night Shabbat services. **Special dinner with Jewish community of Ioannina at our hotel (included in price)**. Our Friday night Shabbat dinner has become traditional. We invite the whole Jewish community of Ioannina and it is always emotional as they connect with our group, some of whom may even be newly discovered relatives. Overnight in Ioannina (Hotel DuLac)



The streets of old Ioannina



Day 7: Saturday: June 9: Ioannina: **Visit to the island on the Lake and lunch at a traditional fish tavern (included in price).** The island on Lake Pamvotis is a delightful short trip by boat. After lunch you are free to roam and visit the shops or tourist sites. Overnight in Ioannina (Hotel DuLac)



The island in the Lake

Day 8: Sunday: June 10: Day trip to archeological site of Dodoni. Older than that of Delphi, ancient Greeks would visit Dodoni to consult the oracle.



Dodoni

Day 9: Monday: June 11: Day trip to Arta and Preveza, once home to Romaniote Jewish communities. We will walk through old neighborhoods and lunch by the sea.



Preveza

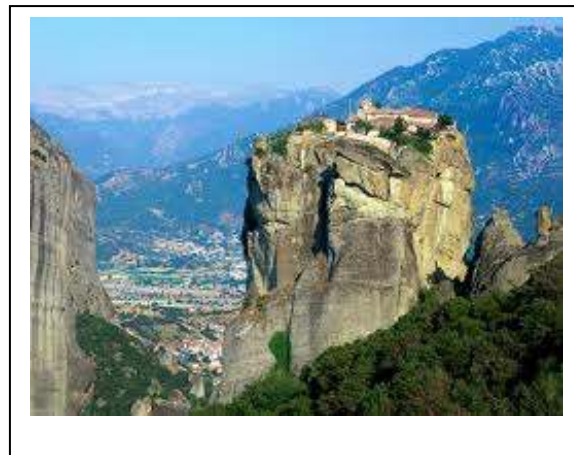


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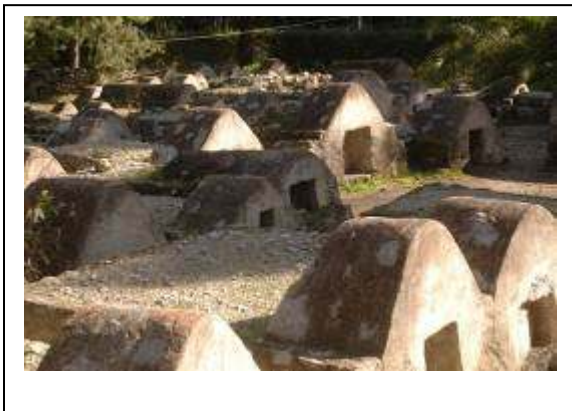
Day 10: Tuesday: June 12: Today we say goodbye to Ioannina and travel east to visit Meteora and the legendary monasteries that hang on top of the mountain cliffs. We travel on to Athens and our hotel (Electra Palace) located in the heart of Plaka. **Welcome dinner included.**



Meteora



Day 11: Wednesday: June 13: Day trip to Chalkis and the Romaniote community. We will visit the synagogue and walk through the ancient streets of Chalkis, stopping at the historic cemetery. Overnight Electra Palace.



Jewish cemetery of Chalkis



Chalkis synagogue

Day 12: Thursday: June 14: Morning visit to Jewish Museum of Greece. Afternoon free to sightsee, shop and visit the many museums of Athens. Overnight Electra Palace.



Athens

Day 13: Friday: June 15: Our ship, the Monarchy, leaves the harbor of Pireaus at 11:00 am, arriving at the picturesque island of Mykonos at 6:30 pm. As the sun sets over the Aegean we can watch from the colorful harbor of Mykonos. We might even see Petros the Pelican, the mascot of Mykonos. The ship offers an organized walking tour or you can just wander through the maze-like streets on your own.



The picturesque port of Mykonos

Day 14: Saturday: June 16: Our ship docks in Kusadasi Turkey in the morning where you can visit the ancient ruins of Ephesus, and the island of Patmos in the late afternoon with either an island tour and a swim in the sea or a visit to the Monastery of St. John.

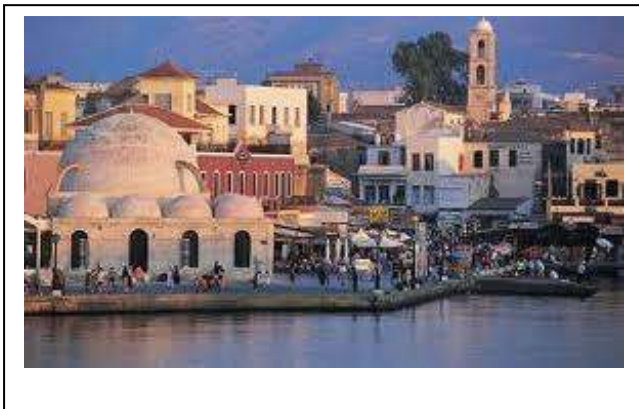


Ephesus



Patmos

Day 15: Sunday: June 17: Sunday morning we stop on the island of Crete and in the afternoon we visit the mystical island of Santorini, the legendary Lost City of Atlantis. Possible land excursions include the legendary Minoan ruins of Knossos or a picturesque Cretan village, both in Crete and excursions to the still active volcano or the breathtaking village of Oia in Santorini.



Crete



Santorini

Day 16: Monday: June 18: We arrive back in the port of Pireaus where our transfer awaits us to take us to the airport to board our flight home to New York.

All hotels, international and domestic flights, all transfers, private tour bus, all taxes, all breakfasts, 6 dinners, 4 lunches, all entrance fees to attractions included in tour.

Double (per person in double room) \$5295

Single \$6330

If you wish to book your own international air, deduct \$1000

Marcia Haddad Ikonomopoulos, Museum Director of Kehila Kedosha Janina, will accompany this tour and will be with you 24/7.

Space is limited (25). If you wish to reserve your space, send in \$250 deposit by January 1st. Make checks payable to "The Association of Friends of Greek Jewry" and mail to the same at One Hanson Place, Huntington, NY 11743.

Name_____

Address_____

E-Mail _____ phone_____

Number in your party_____ Ages_____

Single room_____ Double rooms_____

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