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*Jim Gold International Folk Tours*

# GREECE

## and the Greek Islands !

**Folk Dancing, Folk Music, Culture, Art, History, Adventure !**

**October 19-31, 2008**

with

**Jim Gold & Lee Otterholt**

**Santorini Extension: October 30-November 2**

**Athens, Olympia, Delphi, Meteora, Mycenae, Epidaurus !**

**Greek Island Cruise to Mykonos, Crete, Rhodes, Patmos, Santorini, home of legendary Atlantis. In Turkey, visit Kusadasi and Ephesus !**

**International folk dancing with Lee Otterholt !**

**Folk dancing with local Greek teachers !**

**Price includes round trip air, transfers, hotels, private bus, guide, and sight seeing for land tour, all breakfasts and dinners (except Athens).**

### ITINERARY

**Day 1: Sunday, October 19:** Departure on Olympic Airway from JFK airport in New York City.

**Day 2-3: Monday-Tuesday, October 20-21:** Arrive in Athens. Transfer to Herodion Hotel.

Explore ancient and modern city of Athens; visit the Royal Palace, Temple of Olympian Zeus, Acropolis, and Omonia Square. **Greek folk dancing with famed Dora Stratou dancers!**

### FIVE DAY CLASSICAL TOUR

**Day 4: Wednesday, October 22:** See the **Corinthian canal**, visit archaeological site of **Mycenae**, and the theater at **Epidaurus**. On to Nauplia. Dinner, **folk dancing with Lee**. Overnight: Amalia Hotel.

**Day 5: Thursday, October 23:** Drive through central **Peloponnese** passing Megalopolis and Tripolis. Tour of historic Olympia. Dinner, **folk dancing**, and overnight at the Amalia Hotel.

**Day 6: Friday, October 24:** Morning drive through Nafpakto. Visit archeological sites at Delphi. Dinner, folk dancing, and overnight at Amalia Hotel.

**Day 7: Saturday, October 25:** Morning visit to **Delphi museum**. Drive through **Arachova, Lamia, and Trikala**. Arrive in Kalambaka. Dinner, **folk dancing**, and overnight at Amalia Hotel.

**Day 8: Sunday, October 26:** Visit breathtaking cliff monasteries of **Meteora**. Rising from gigantic rocks, they appear as nature's gift to the pious who chose solitude and a life of worship. Lunch and **Greek folk dancing in a local Kastraki restaurant**. Return to Athens, passing through historic **Thermopyle**. Overnight: Herodion Hotel.

### FOUR DAY GREEK ISLAND CRUISE!

**Day 9: Monday, October 27:** Leave Athens and sail from the **harbor of Piraeus to Mykonos**. Lunch on board.

**Greek folk dancing on Mykonos with Lilian Vlandis.**

**Day 10: Tuesday, October 28: Visit Kusadasi in Turkey.** Optional excursion to the ancient city of **Ephesus**, best preserved Greco-Roman city in the world. Bazaar shopping tour of Kusadasi led by Jim. Sail to the beautiful island of **Patmos** where **St. John wrote the Book of Revelation**.

**Day 11: Wednesday, October 29: Sail to Rhodes.** Explore the medieval city. Optional excursion to **Lindos** with its ancient Acropolis and breath-taking views. Walking tour of Rhodes led by Jim. **Greek folk dancing with Nelly Dimoglou Dancers.**

**Day 12: Thursday, October 30:** Visit Heraklion, capital of Crete. Optional excursion to the Palace of Knossos. Then onto **Santorini**, home of the legendary kingdom of Atlantis. Return to the ship that night or stay for the SANTORINI EXTENSION.

**Day 13: Friday, October 31: Stay on cruise to arrive in Piraeus.** Transfer to airport for flight back home.  
**SANTORINI EXTENSION!**

**Days 12-15: Thursday night-Sunday: October 30-November 2:** Included are accommodations and daily breakfasts at the Aressana Hotel. Saturday night or Sunday morning flight to Athens, then flight home on November 2.

**About Jim Gold**

Jim brings his love of music, people, languages, humor, literature, ancient cultures, and new discoveries to make his tours , weekends, and dance classes a joy for all ages. A graduate of the University of Chicago, he taught music at Montclair State College and New York University. Jim is a classical and folk guitarist, author of eight books, and a folk dance teacher who makes dancing easy. As a professional guitarist and singer, he recorded his *World of Guitar* program which has been performed at schools, universities, on TV and national radio. This is his 23<sup>th</sup> year leading **Jim Gold International Tours.**

**About Lee Otterholt**

Lee Otterholt, born in USA of Norwegian-American parents, has lived and worked in Norway as a professional dancer, teacher, and choreographer. He founded Center for International Folk Dance in Oslo; and was professor of dance folklore at the Norwegian National College of Ballet, and University College of Oslo. Lee established folk dance and performing groups in Norway, taught at festivals and workshops throughout Europe, United States, and East Asia, authored folk dance and instructional manuals for Norwegian schools. He was a choreographer for the Opening Ceremony of the Winter Olympic Games in Lillehammer.

**Land: \$3195      Land and Air: \$3695      Santorini Extension: \$520**

**REGISTRATION: I can't wait to go!** Enclosed is my registration deposit of \$200 per person, refundable until June 30<sup>th</sup>. Single Supplement: \$795. Cruise upgrade to a higher level, please add \$225 per person double occupancy. Santorini air tax: \$55. Single supplement: \$125. (Santorini extension participants forfeit cost of last night of cruise (including accommodation, dinner and breakfast.) Additional charges: \$65 hotel taxes and service, port taxes of \$138, air taxes/fuel charges: \$365. **Gratuities, cruise visits to archeological sites, and Lee's pre-arranged visits with local folk dance groups, are not included in the price.** Cancellations 30 to 45 days prior to departure: Refund 50% of total price. Less than 30 days: No refund. Travel insurance recommended. Tour rate based on minimum registration of 20 people. If less, surcharge of 10% may be added.

**Total balance due June 30, 2008.**

Santorini Extension: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

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