

Jim Gold International Folk Tours
presents

GREECE

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

October 19-October 30, 2024

Athens, Nauplia, Sparta, Olympia, Delphi,
 Meteora, Mycenae, Epidaurus,
 Thessaloniki

Led by Lee Otterholt
 Guided by Maroula Konti



Featuring:

- ★ Athens, Nauplia, Sparta, Olympia, Delphi, Meteora, Mycenae, and Epidaurus, Thessaloniki
 - ★ [Folk dancing with Lee Otterholt](#) (Zeibekikos and more)
 - ★ [Meet and dance with local Greek folkdance groups](#)
 - ★ Price includes hotels, private bus, guide, sightseeing for land tour, all breakfasts and dinners (except Athens)
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Friday, October 18: Departure on airline of your choice.

Day 1-2: Saturday-Sunday, October 19-20:



Tour begins. Arrive in [Athens](#). "The gods could have lived anywhere: They chose Greece." Transfer to our hotel. Welcome dinner. Explore ancient and modern city of Athens; visit the [Royal Palace](#), [Temple of Olympian Zeus](#), [Acropolis](#), and [Omonia Square](#). Greek folk dancing with Maria's local folk dance group See [\(dancing Hasapico in Maria's class\)](#): See video. Overnight Parthenon hotel in Athens.



Day 3: Monday, October 21:

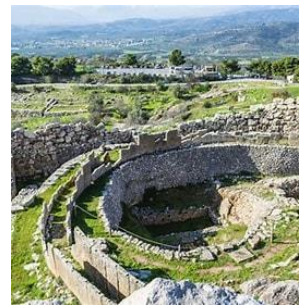
Drive to [Cape Sounio](#), known for its [Temple of Poseidon](#), one of the major monuments of the [Golden Age of Athens](#). Its remains are perched on the headland, surrounded on three sides by the [Aegean sea](#). Wine tasting in Spata. Overnight Parthenon in Athens.

FIVE DAY CLASSICAL TOUR

Day 4: Tuesday, October 22:



See [Corinthian canal](#). Visit archaeological site of [Mycenae](#). Legend has it that the name was connected to the Greek mykēs (μύκης, "mushroom"). theater at [Epidaurus](#). Dinner. Folk dancing with Niko's group Overnight at Hotel Liberty in Nauplion .



Day 5: Wednesday, October 23:

Visit [Palamidi castle](#). Ouzo tasting in Karonis. Visit a farm for the orange harvest. Walking tour of [Nauplia](#), a Peloponnesian coastal city, capital of the regional unit of Argolis. Founded in antiquity, the city became an important seaport in the Middle Ages. Overnight at Hotel Liberty in Nauplion.

Day 6: Thursday, October 24:

Depart for [Olympia](#). Drive through central [Peloponnese](#) passing Megalopolis and Tripolis. The Peloponnesian city of Kalamata where the Syrtos, the national dance of Greece, ([Kalamatianos](#)) originated. (Along with Kalamate olives, (See youtube video) Visit the Museum and archeological site of Olympia, birthplace of the Olympic Games. Dinner, [folk dancing](#) (see video). Overnight at Hotel Olympian Asty in Olympia.



Day 7: Friday, October 25:

Depart for [Delphi](#). Drive through [Nafpakto](#). [100 year old Yiayia dances Tsamiko on Easter Sunday in Nafpaktos](#). Visit Delphi museum and archeological site.

Dinner, folk dancing, and overnight Hotel Amalia in Delphi.



Day 8: Saturday, October 26:

Drive through **Arachova, Lamia, and Trikala**. Arrive in [Kalambaka](#). Home of Karagouna (see video) and the Karagonides Festival. Visit two of the most famous [Meteora monasteries](#). Dinner, **folk dancing**. Overnight in Hotel Grand Meteora in Kastraki.



Day 9-11: Sunday, October 27-Tuesday, October 29:

Depart for [Thessaloniki](#). [Ochi day](#) celebrations, parade, and more! Visit ancient Aigai, capital of the Macedonian kings. In 1977 the professor Manolis Andronikos uncovered four royal tombs in [Vergina](#). The studies indicated that the largest of the tombs belonged to **Philip II, the father of Alexander the Great**. The underground museum contains the graves and all the valuable grave offerings, including the famous golden larnax of Philip with the star of Vergina. **City tour of Thessalonika**. (Northern Greece, home of the hora [Zondaritikos](#): see videos). We'll visit castle, Modiano Market, and archeological museum. White tower and Church of Agios Dimitrios.

The **Ochi day** is one of the two national holidays in Greece and it is celebrated everywhere in our country with school parades. But in Thessaloniki it is really unique. Here's why: Greece



was liberated from the Ottomans in 1830, but northern Greece remained under the Turks until 1912 (Balkan wars). The city was liberated on the 26th of October, the feast day of saint Dimitri is, the patron saint of the city. So, as you understand it is a double celebration for the people. It's the ceremonial Celebration in the big church and after the service, the impressive military parade. The main road leading to the White Tower was renamed to "leoforos Nikis" Niki means Victory. It was renamed by the king George I, who entered the city. It's really unique and impressive. The celebration lasts 3 days, with parade on the 28th. Dinner and overnight in Hotel Classical Imperial Palace.



Day 12: Wednesday, October 30: Breakfast and flight home. (Or back to Athens)

[See YOUTUBE tour videos !](#)

[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 the 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, and authored folk dance and instructional manuals for Norwegian schools. He was a choreographer for the Opening Ceremony of the Winter Olympic Games in Lillehammer.

[About Maroula Konti](#)

Maroula Konti was born in Athens, in a beautiful neighborhood of Plaka, at the foot of the Acropolis. She finished the National School of Tourist Guides. For many years she has guided



visitors to sites of archeological interest, bringing them closer to the Greek history, culture and modern life. Maroula speaks English and German, translates books and films, and has written two books for children. She is also a member of a choir and a music band. For the past fifteen years, she has organized folk dance classes and meetings with local folk dance groups for Jim Gold tours.

Land Only: \$4995

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