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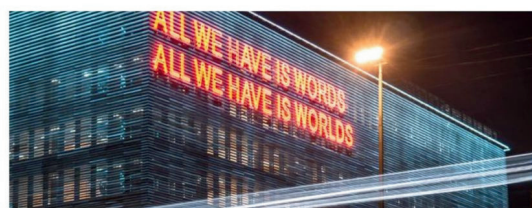
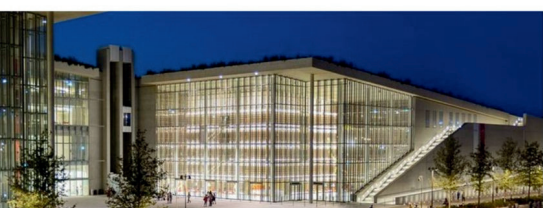
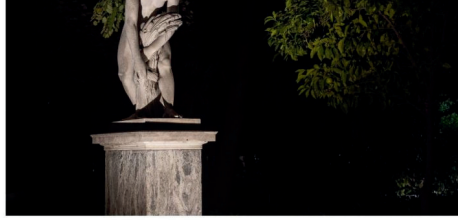
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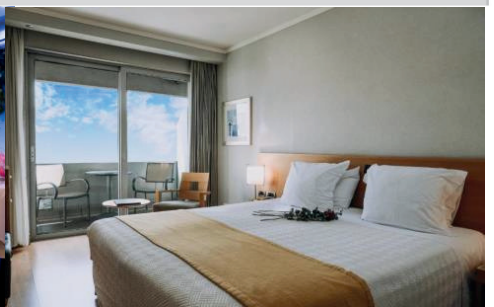
MADRID

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RECOMMENDED HOTEL IN ATHENS

The Athenian Callirhoe Exclusive Hotel 4*
www.tac.gr



****Day 1** 06/12/24: Athens - Athens Happy Train****

Arrival in Athens and transfer to Syntagma, where we will enjoy an exciting tour of the historic center of Athens with the Athens Happy Train. This is a route lasting approximately 40 minutes, during which we will admire the most famous sights and monuments of the capital, such as the Hellenic Parliament, the Panathenaic Stadium, the

Zappeion Hall, the Temple of Olympian Zeus, the Museum of Cycladic Art, the War Museum, the new Acropolis Museum, and more. Arrival at our hotel. Dinner at the hotel. Overnight stay

****Day 2** 07/12/24: Athens - Delphi - Arachova ****

After breakfast, departure for Delphi. The city of Delphi is spread out at the foothills of Mount Parnassus, between two towering rocks, known in ancient times as Hyampeia and Nauplia. The Theater hosted dramatic and lyrical contests, while the stadium, besides athletic competitions, also hosted musical events. The center of the sanctuary of Apollo was the Temple. Around it gathered other buildings, treasures, monuments, and porticos. Today, the findings from its artworks and buildings, brought to light again by enthusiasts of antiquity's grandeur, give pilgrims arriving there a sense of wonder.



After our tour, we will visit the cosmopolitan Arachova, a mountainous village built at an altitude of 950 meters on the slopes of Mount Parnassus in the Boeotia region. The area of Arachova, scattered with remnants of antiquity, reveals its ancient history. Free time to have lunch (optional) in the traditional taverns in the area. Late in the afternoon, we will depart with intermediate stops for Athens. Return to the hotel. Dinner. Overnight stay.



****Day 3** 08/12/24: Athens - Madrid****

Following breakfast, departure for Eleftherios Venizelos Airport and our flight to Madrid with Aegean Airlines.



RECOMMENDED HOTEL IN MADRID

The Praga Hotel 4*
www.hotelmadridpraga.com/en/



****Day 3**08/12/24: Athens - Madrid****

Madrid has been the capital of Spain since 1561. This impressive city with a population of 4,000,000 inhabitants is built at an altitude of 650 meters and dominates the central plateau of the Iberian Peninsula, Castile. Arrival, transfer, and check-in at the hotel. Time for some rest, and in the afternoon, we will start our first exploration of the city by walking through Gran Via, Plaza Mayor, Puerta del Sol, etc. Dinner at the hotel. Overnight stay.



Museo de Prado



Famous Barrio de las Letras neighborhood of the arts

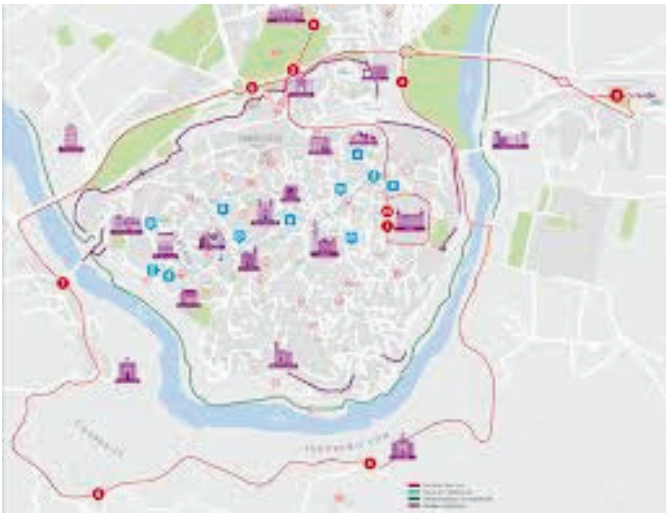
****Day 4** 09/12/24: Madrid,** Guided Tour Upon finishing breakfast, morning guided tour of perhaps the most important art gallery in the world, the Prado Museum (Museo de Prado). Most of the 10,000 works in its collection offer a unique journey through time and color. Here we will admire the masterpieces of El Greco, Velázquez, and Goya, which "stand" next to other equally important painters. Then, we will walk in the most bohemian neighborhood of central Madrid, the famous Barrio de las Letras, the neighborhood of the arts, where many of Spain's great painters and writers lived and created, such as Miguel de Cervantes Saavedra, Lope de Vega, and Federico García Lorca. Here, the city's nightlife comes alive with cervecerias (beer bars), tapas, jazz clubs, etc. Our tour will end in the heart of Madrid of the Habsburgs, the historic and commercial center of the city. For the afternoon, we recommend visiting the aristocratic neighborhood of Salamanca with its elegant shops. Enjoy your coffee at the atmospheric Plaza Oriente overlooking the palace, wander through the streets of the old town, ending at the central square, Plaza Mayor, and try a hot chocolate at the famous Chocolatería San Ginés. Dinner at the hotel. Overnight stay.



Toledo

****Day 5** 10/12/24: Madrid - Toledo**

Following breakfast, morning departure for the most historic city in Spain, medieval Toledo. A natural impregnable fortress (due to the Tagus River), which has existed since Roman times. The city of three civilizations (Arabs-Jews-Christians) and the city of Don Quixote and the Knights of the Spanish writer Cervantes. The jewel in the crown of the Spanish empire of the 15th and 16th centuries, where the sun never set. The city where El Greco lived and flourished.



A museum in itself. We will wander through the narrow streets of the medieval city with its great historical, artistic, and cultural heritage and visit the Cathedral, a unique building of great artists and a blend of many architectural styles, where we will see priceless paintings by El Greco, such as the Expolio and the Apostles collection, as well as paintings by Titian, Raphael, and Caravaggio. Then, in the church of Santo Tomé, we will admire the most important and largest work of El Greco, "The Burial of the Count of Orgaz," a masterpiece that reflects all the influences and techniques of the famous Cretan painter. Descending towards the Jewish quarter, we will encounter the house of El Greco, where he lived with his wife Jerónima and his son Jorge-Manuel. Next is a visit to a "Damasquinado" workshop, the famous Toledo art originating from distant Damascus and based on steelwork. Return to Madrid. Dinner at the hotel. Overnight stay.



****Day 6** 11/12/24: Madrid - Segovia**

This morning, after breakfast, we will head to the jewel of Castile, Segovia, the old capital of the central kingdoms and a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1985 (optional). Through a lush route, we will approach the city, where we will see its trademark, the famous Roman aqueduct of the 1st century AD, which provided water to the city until the 19th century.

The Alcazar of Segovia is one of the most beautiful and wellpreserved fortress palaces of the 13th century. We will visit the Jewish quarter with its former historic synagogues, which are now churches, as well as the Cathedral, a masterpiece of Basque-Castilian Gothic architecture. But Segovia is not only monuments. It is also the gastronomic capital of Castile, famous for roast lamb, cochinitillo (suckling pig), and Jamon Iberico. Return late in the afternoon to Madrid. Dinner at the hotel. Overnight stay.



****Day 7** 12/12/24:** Free day / shopping center Free day to enjoy shopping in Madrid. Dinner at the hotel. Overnight stay.

****Day 8** 13/12/24:** Madrid – Benghazi After breakfast, departure for Madrid Airport to catch our EgyptAir flight back to Benghazi, with a layover in Cairo.