

## Best of Greece (M-ID: 2348)

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**from €2,949.00**

Dates and duration (days)

On request

15 days

05/05/2024 - 05/19/2024 15 days

**Do you want to treat yourself to a very special motorcycle tour that combines riding fun and culture in a unique way? Then "Best of Greece" is the perfect choice for you.**

Two weeks of riding fun through eight countries and cultures

This eventful motorcycle tour takes us on dream roads in 15 days through a total of eight countries, and lets us get to know breathtaking landscapes and cultural highlights from the most beautiful perspective. Our biker experience begins in the Austrian Carinthia and leads us through Slovenia, Croatia, Montenegro, Albania, North Macedonia to Greece. After we have extensively taken the land of the gods under the wheels, the ferry from Patras brings us back to Italy. In between are unforgettable days...

### Travel description

Already on the way over the Wurzen Pass and through the Triglav National Park we are rewarded with breathtaking views. Then it lies before us, the Kvarner Bay in the north of Croatia. Here we turn onto the former Yugoslavian coastal road: craggy and jagged rocks tower to our left, while the shimmering sea captivates us on the right. Of course, the cities of Sibenik and Dubrovnik, also called the pearls of the Adriatic, must not be missing from the program.

Change of scenery: We cross the dwarf state of Montenegro and take up quarters once again in Albania. Shuttling between Albania and northern Macedonia, the curvy little roads off the "main arteries" offer us an ingenious motorcycle terrain.

Then it's time for our real destination: Greece, land of the gods. There are world-famous cultural monuments to discover here, such as the Meteora monasteries near the town of Kalambaka. They were built at a dizzying height on

the sandstone cliffs there - a unique sight. Or the Corinth Canal, built between 1881 and 1893 and more than 6 km long, which since then separates the Peloponnese peninsula from the mainland. And of course, ancient Olympia must not be missing from the program. But the best thing about all this is: These highlights are connected by unique and adventurous motorcycle routes! So we get our money's worth not only culturally, but also in terms of riding...

After we have taken the land of the gods extensively under the wheels, we comfortably take the ferry from Patras to Venice. And after a last common fireworks of curves we reach again our meeting point hotel in Carinthia, where we are already expected with cool drinks.

Our escort vehicle will be with you during the entire trip, so you can enjoy maximum riding fun while your luggage is transported - room luggage service included!

Program, hotel and route changes are reserved!

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### Itinerary:

Day 1: Individual arrival at our meeting point hotel in Carinthia.

Our motorcycle tour begins in Carinthia, Austria, where we gather at our meeting point hotel by 6:00 pm. Over a delicious dinner, we get to know each other and get in the mood for the motorcycle adventure ahead of us during the subsequent tour briefing. A motorcycle vacation that

combines riding fun, unforgettable landscapes, world-famous cultural sites as well as culinary delights in a special way lies ahead of us...

Overnight stay: Carinthia (Austria)

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Day 2: Through Slovenia past Triglav to the Kvarner Bay

Today we have plenty of fun on the bends: our motorcycle tour takes us through the picturesque Drava Valley to the historic Wurzen Pass and on to the Triglav National Park. This offers us unique views of impressive mountain giants, green Alpine valleys, babbling brooks and crystal clear lakes that reflect the blue of the sky. We cross this paradise on fascinating biker roads with countless curves. At the end of today's stage, our hotel on the Kvarner Bay is already waiting for us, where the nearby sea or the hotel pool offers us the opportunity for a little refreshment. In the evening we enjoy the view from the terrace of the idyllic bay with a glass of wine.

Overnight stay: On the Kvarner Bay (Croatia)

Daily riding distance: approx. 330 km

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Day 3: On the Jadranska Magistrala to Sibenik

Strengthened with a hearty breakfast, after a short ride we reach the Adriatic coastal road, also called Jadranska Magistrala. We enjoy the magnificent panorama and the Mediterranean flair as we continue touring south. Croatia's islands of Krk, Rab and Pag pass by on our right and provide great photo opportunities. On our left, the 145 km long Velebit massif towers above us, with Vaganski Vrh at 1,757 m as its highest point. By the way, this region is also the location of several Karl May movies. In the afternoon we reach the proud, medieval-looking royal city of Sibenik: in the shadow of the St. Anna Fortress towering high above the city, which is also called Mihovil Fortress by the locals, we move into our hotel.

Overnight stay: Sibenik

Daily distance: approx. 275 km

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Day 4: Along the Dalmatian coast to Dubrovnik

We leave Sibenik behind us and take the Adriatic Magistrala under our wheels again. The shimmering turquoise waters of the bay of Grebastica invite us to a photo stop. In the further course of the route the Biokovo mountains and the sea give us a winding route and lead us to Dubrovnik. The old town behind the heavy fortification walls does not belong to the world cultural heritage of the UNESCO for nothing: In the late afternoon we explore together the venerable port city with a German-speaking city tour. After immersing ourselves in past centuries, a dinner framed by medieval buildings rounds off the day. The magic of Dubrovnik will remain in our memories for a long time...

Overnight stay: Dubrovnik

Daily distance: approx. 345 km

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Day 5: Pure Balkans: Montenegro and Albania

Pure adrenaline on one of the most beautiful roads on earth... this is how the new day begins! We leave Croatia and dive into the once smallest republic of former Yugoslavia: Montenegro. With the sea always in view, we cruise along the Bay of Kotor, where we are treated to serpentine roads - and panoramas reminiscent of Norwegian fjord landscapes. After about 140 km we leave the Balkan state and with it the coastal road: For three days now, the "Magistrala" has led us south with unforgettable riding impressions.

We are now heading for Lezha in Albania. The history of this today rather inconspicuous small town goes back up to the 8. century B. C. The present name comes from "Lissos" - the name of the early Greek colony at this place. We move into our hotel and are already looking forward to tomorrow, when we will reach our destination country...

Overnight stay: Near Lezha

Daily distance: about 265 km

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Day 6: Greece - here we come!

Today we experience the special culture and nature of the country "Shqipëria", as the former People's Republic of Albania was called until the 90s of the last century. Along the Mat, the sixth longest river of Albania and tributary for the Shkopet reservoir, we start our waltz of curves towards the east. In the process, the rugged mountain landscape offers us an unforgettable backdrop...

Then it's time to say goodbye to Albania, because we reach the border to Northern Macedonia. A little later we cruise on "dream roads" along the Ohrid Lake, which is also called the Garda Lake of the Balkans. Fish lovers among us have the opportunity to taste the Ohrid trout, which is native to the lake, during our lunch break. Afterwards, we will continue along the serpentine roads of Galičica National Park to Prespa Lake.

Now it is not far to Greece, where we move into our picturesquely situated hotel on the edge of Lake Kastoria. From there we have a great view of the medieval town of Kastoria, which juts into the lake on a peninsula and is known for its furrier craft and fur trade.

Overnight stay: Kastoria

Daily distance: approx. 340 km

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Day 7: Past the Meteora monasteries to Trikala

Greece, land of the gods: Now we are here! On small roads, we continue to ride into the country and let the fascinating landscape, dominated by mountains, have its effect on us.

The cultural highlight of the day is the famous Meteora

monasteries near Kalambaka. These monasteries were built on sandstone cliffs up to 400 meters high, some of them vertical, and are a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The name Metéora is derived from the ancient Greek metéōros (meaning 'floating in the air') and describes the location of the monasteries on the rocks. Here we make an extensive photo stop, and with great pictures of the amazing monasteries in our luggage we ride the last kilometers to our accommodation today.

Overnight stay: in the area of Kalambaka - Trikala

Daily distance: approx. 260 km

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Day 8: Fantastic mountain routes on the way to the Gulf of Corinth

A feeling of 10,000 curves awaits us on today's riding day. For now we leave the Kalambaka-Trikala region behind us, and the breathtaking Greek mountains lie at our feet. The route offers us spectacular waterfalls, ancient bridges, unforgettable views, serpentine and ancient Greek landscapes. We follow the course of the river Acheloos, which flows into the turquoise blue reflecting Kremasta reservoir. Its dam is one of the largest in the world. Finally we reach the Gulf of Corinth, on whose coast we will continue our tour tomorrow. But for today ends a stage that will remain unforgettable for us - promised!

Overnight stay: Near Nafpaktos

Daily distance: approx. 310 km

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Day 9: Across the Corinth Canal to the Peloponnese

Yesterday we experienced the mountain world of Greece, today we will follow the Mediterranean landscape along the more than hundred kilometers long Gulf of Corinth. It geographically separates the Greek mainland from the Peloponnese peninsula. We experience this unique landscape partly on the adventurous old coastal road that leads us to the Corinth Canal.

This impressive modern construction was built between 1881 and 1893. With a length of a good 6 km and a depth of up to 80 m, it has been separating the Peloponnese, the Greek peninsula, from the mainland ever since. Die-hard bikers may know that this is where Australian freestyle motocross rider Robbie Maddison successfully jumped the channel with his dirt bike (Honda CR 500) on April 8, 2010...

However, our experienced guides advise against spontaneously imitating this 85-meter jump and will cross the Corinth Canal on the bridge to get across to the biker's paradise Peloponnese.

Overnight stay: Near Corinth

Daily distance: approx. 350 km

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Day 10: On dream roads across the Peloponnese

Today we want to enjoy some vacation feeling at the beach. But until that happens, lonely mountain passes in the Parnonas and Taygetos mountains will challenge our riding skills. The day is characterized by barren mountain landscapes and fertile valleys, and the varied route guarantees us once again riding fun par excellence.

Overnight stay: Kalamata

Daily distance: approx. 260 km

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Day 11: On mountain routes to ancient Olympia

The next highlight of our Greece motorcycle tour awaits us: Olympia, venue of the ancient Olympic Games. On wonderful mountain roads we cruise through the Mediterranean landscape to the place where the most important sports event of the ancient world took place every four years for almost 400 years, long before the birth of Christ. To this day, this place inspires athletes and sports fans. Even today, the Olympic flame for the modern games is lit in ancient Olympia and then brought to the venue of the respective games by means of a torch relay lasting several weeks.

Overnight stay: Olympia

Daily distance: about 190 km

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Day 12: From Olympia to Patras ferry port

The morning is at our disposal for a visit to the ancient sites of Olympia. Between the ancient columns and walls, the almost 3000 years of history of this place surrounds us. Our German-speaking guide will tell us about it and bring the events of times long past back to life in us.

After lunch it is time to say goodbye - we look back on a country that let us experience the ancient world in a special way with the most beautiful means of transportation in the world. Our ferry awaits us in Patras and departs in the evening with destination Venice.

Overnight stay: on the ferry from Patras to Venice

Daily distance: about 120 km

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Day 13: Ferry passage to Venice (day at sea)

The day at sea for us means: relaxing, reviewing the experiences and enjoying the crossing.

Overnight stay: on the ferry from Patras to Venice

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Day 14: From the lagoon city back to Carinthia

In the morning our ferry docks in Venice... Our last leg of this unique motorcycle tour takes us back to the Alps, where we enjoy one last firework of curves before we reach our meeting point hotel in Carinthia again.

A varied motorcycle tour, full of riding highlights and world-class cultural highlights lies behind us. After these eventful days, we enjoy the last evening together and review what we have experienced.

Overnight stay: Carinthia

Daily distance: approx. 300 km

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Day 15: Farewell and individual journey home

Eventful days are behind us and one or the other friendship has been made. Once again we have breakfast together, then it's time to say goodbye.

After check-out the participants will travel home individually.

Countries	Albania
	Greece
	Italy
	Croatia
	Montenegro
	North Macedonia
	Austria
	Slovenia
Category	Motorcycle Tour
Terrain	Onroad
Vehicle	your own motorcycle
Tourguide / Coach	yes (guided)
Accommodation	Hotel / B&B or similar
	3 star hotel
	4 star hotel
Flight to / from	no, not incl.
Ferry	yes, incl.
Support vehicle (luggage/service)	yes
Level of difficulty	medium
	difficult
Customer payment protection	yes
* PRICING	Minimal without optional extras, see pricing

## Pricing

per rider in shared twin/double room and double inside cabin	€2,949.00
per pillion passenger in shared twin/double room and double inside cabin (pillion passengers cannot book without an accompanying rider)	€2,749.00
per person single room and double inside cabin (surcharge - only available with an additional selection of the basic price "per rider in shared twin/double room")	€479.00
On the ferry passages - per person single cabin surcharge (inside)	€199.00
On the ferry passages - per person single cabin surcharge (outside)	€249.00
On the ferry passages - per person double cabin surcharge (outside)	€99.00

## Included

12x accommodation in comfortable hotels (3\*\*\* to 4\*\*\*\*): Accommodation in double room with bath or shower+toilet, optional single room (extra charge), incl. local taxes ("Visitor's tax")

13x dinner (three-course menu or evening buffet in the hotel, alternatively restaurant visit out on certain evenings)

12x breakfast or breakfast buffet

Ferry passage from Patras (GR) to Venice (IT) incl. motorcycle, port taxes and fuel surcharge

2x overnight stay at sea in 2-berth inside cabins with shower+toilet, on request for single occupancy (surcharge)

2x breakfast or breakfast buffet during the ferry passage

12x guided motorcycle tours by our experienced tour guides

German speaking tour guide during the whole tour

Daily detailed tour briefing

Detailed tour book

1x guided tour of Dubrovnik (followed by dinner in the old town)

Entrance to the ancient sites of Olympia, with German-speaking guide

Escort vehicle throughout the trip

Luggage transport in the escort vehicle (one suitcase or travel bag per travel participant). For insurance reasons, we do not transport motorcycle suitcases in the escort vehicle.

Check-in service and luggage service in the hotels to the room

Parking fees for the motorcycles at the hotel stays

Guarantee certificate according to § 651r BGB for package tours

## **Not included**

All services, meals and drinks not listed in the service description

Tolls and freeway fees

Gasoline and fuels

Travel Cancellation/Trip Interruption Insurance

Motorcycle transport

## **More details**

Start/End: Meeting point hotel in Carinthia, Austria

Travel time: 15 days incl. arrival and departure

Total distance approx. 3350 km

Daily riding distances: approx. 120 km to 350 km (average approx. 280 km)

Route profile: Paved country roads in good to satisfactory condition. The route includes curvy and partly narrow sections.

Difficulty level: For advanced riders with touring experience and good cornering technique

Riding time per day: up to 9 hours incl. lunch/coffee breaks and photo stops

Group size: up to 10 bikes per group (plus guide), maximum 2 groups

Minimum number of participants: 8 people

Support vehicle: yes, during the entire tour

Individual arrival: If the distance between your home and the meeting point is very long, we will be happy to advise you on planning your individual journey. If you wish, we can organize parking for your car and your motorcycle trailer at the meeting point for the duration of the tour. Your vacation starts even more relaxed with our motorcycle transport service: While you arrive and depart time-saving and comfortably by train or plane, we take care of the transport of your motorcycle - including equipment - to and from the meeting point. Just ask for a non-binding quote and you will receive a concrete offer for your tour with comfortable travel and motorcycle transport.

Luggage shipping: You can send your luggage, which is to be transported in the escort vehicle, by mail to our company headquarters before the trip. After the trip we will send your luggage back home against payment of the postage costs.

Support in case of vehicle failure: No one can rule out breakdowns. But in the event of a breakdown, our support vehicle will be at your side on this tour so that your motorcycle vacation can continue as quickly as possible. Please note: Support in case of vehicle breakdowns and emergencies can only be guaranteed on the planned route. In case of self-planned route changes or excursions "on your own", the participant himself is responsible.

Travel documents: For entry into the Balkan countries, which do not (yet) belong to the EU, you need a valid passport (identity card may not be recognized there). Your travel document must also be valid for at least six months beyond the end of the booked trip!

Motor vehicle liability insurance: The green insurance card is mandatory for this trip. Therefore, check your motor vehicle liability insurance in time before the trip, and have your insurance company send you the green insurance card for your bike. The following countries must not be crossed out on the green card: AL (Albania), HR (Croatia), MK (North Macedonia), MNE (Montenegro).

Protection letter: We recommend a car insurance policy for all motorcycle trips, as it provides useful services in case of breakdown, accident and other emergency situations. The cheapest cover is usually offered by your car insurer (often already included in the contract). The various automobile clubs also offer cover letter services, where they are usually included in the annual premium.

Health insurance: We recommend for all international motorcycle tours the conclusion of a separate foreign health insurance with medical repatriation. Our Allianz partner will be happy to provide you with a suitable offer.

Ferry connections: New ferry schedules are usually published at the beginning of the year. Until then, changes in the timetable, and thus a slight change in the travel period can not be completely excluded! Please plan your vacation so that you can react flexibly to schedule changes.