## GYTHION, GREECE

#### Gythion, Dyros Caves

#### ACTIVITY LEVEL: MODERATE

Leaving Gythion, your tour will cross the Mani Peninsula to **Dyros** to visit the spectacular caves of **Vlyhada** and **Alepotrypa**, first opened to the public in 1963. You will ride for almost a mile through "caverns measureless to man." Aided by electricity, the splendors of nature are on show. You will see formations that look like, and are named after, great sites such as the Metropolitan Throne, the Leaning Tower of Pisa and the Chinese Palace. At the bottom of one of the lakes of Vlyhada, often considered the most beautiful cave in the world, many interesting things have been discovered, such as fossils of hippopotami. After your cave visit you will drive to nearby **Areopolis** for a short stroll through the town, before returning to Gythion.

<u>Please note</u>: Since the temperature in the caves is cooler you may want to bring a light jacket.

PRICE<sup>\$</sup>129

Gythion, Full Day Private CAR + Guide

#### ACTIVITY LEVEL: EASY

Explore at your leisure with a **private vehicle**, **driver**, **and English-speaking guide**. This exclusive tour will allow you to customize your time ashore and explore the most interesting sites in the comfort and privacy of your own car. With your private vehicle, and the personalized attention of your driver and English-speaking guide, you will have the flexibility and independence to **design your itinerary ashore**. See the iconic sites of the city, or create your own personal stops to make the experience your own.

<u>Please not</u>e: Capacity: 1-2 guests. Private cars are ordered per vehicle (not per person). This tour includes transport in a private car, driver and English Speaking Guide. Itinerary can be adjusted with tour guide as long as it's in the area and does not exceed the duration of 8 hours. Recommended for physically challenged guests.

PRICE<sup>\$</sup>1899

Gythion, Full Day Private VAN + Guide ACTIVITY LEVEL: EASY Explore at your leisure with a **private vehicle**, **driver and English-speaking guide**. This exclusive tour will allow you to customize your time ashore and explore the most interesting sites in the comfort and privacy of your own van. With your private vehicle, and the personalized attention of your driver and English-speaking guide, you will have the flexibility and independence to **design your itinerary ashore**. See the iconic sites of the city, or create your own personal stops to make the experience your own.

<u>Please note</u>: Capacity: 3 - 6 guests. Private vans are ordered per vehicle (not per person). This tour includes transport in a private van, driver and English Speaking Guide. Itinerary can be adjusted with tour guide as long as it's in the area and does not exceed the duration of 8 hours. Recommended for physically challenged guests.

PRICE<sup>\$</sup>1999

Gythion, Half Day Private CAR + Guide

ACTIVITY LEVEL: EASY

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PRICE<sup>\$</sup>1299

Gythion, Half Day Private VAN + Guide

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PRICE<sup>\$</sup>1399

Gythion, Mystras Byzantine City

ACTIVITY LEVEL: EASY

This tour by motorcoach will cross the **plain of Laconia** through its orange and olive groves, with the mighty **Taygetus Mountain** (7,897 ft.) in the background to arrive in **Sparta**, which today is a big, modern town. As the original Spartans cared little for buildings and lived a "Spartan" existence in barracks, their ancient architecture was simple and basic. Today, its scanty remains reflect little of Sparta's ancient renown. Four miles west however, sits the medieval town of **Mystras**, a **UNESCO World Heritage Site**, with its churches and houses, monasteries and palaces lining the steep narrow streets. For 200 years, from the middle of the 13th century, this Byzantine town flourished. From the mid-15th century to the beginning of our century, the town was in constant decline, with the exception of a few years during which it was under Venetian control. However, the magnificence of the **Byzantine architecture**, remarkably preserved and sensitively restored, gives you the impression you are entering a whole different age.

<u>Please note</u>: The site is located on a very steep hill so flat rubber shoes are recommended.

PRICE<sup>\$</sup>119

# Gythion, Sparta & Mystra w/Olive Oil Museum and Tasting

## ACTIVITY LEVEL: MODERATE

From the pier you will go to the local market in Gythion for a short visit before boarding your motor coach and traveling to the ruins of ancient **Mystras, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.** You will have an in-depth guided tour of Mystras followed by time on your own to wander through the narrow streets of this medieval city. Your next stop will be at the **Olive Oil Museum of Sparta**. Unique in Greece, it is located in one of the main olive producing regions. The museum houses a variety of olive oil presses and other equipment. **You will be served** olive pate, olives,

rusks, local cheese, cucumber and tomatoes along with tsipouro, ouzo, and mineral water before your return trip to Gythion.

<u>Please note</u>: Mystras is not wheelchair accessible and steps are involved. It is not possible to stay on the motor coach during that portion of the tour.

PRICE<sup>\$</sup>139