

KATAKOLON, GREECE

Katakolon, Ancient Olympia & Zorba Event

ACTIVITY LEVEL: MODERATE

The small fishing village of **Katákolon** will be your gateway to the mystical **UNESCO Site** of ancient **Olympia**, 25 miles to the east. The sanctuary of Olympia has the appearance of a park, and as you step back 2,000 years into the past, imagine the area crowded with athletes, orators, merchants and philosophers surrounding the **Temple of Zeus** with its 40-foot statue of the god, the ruins of which you will see today. It will be easy to imagine the roar of the spectators as the athletes took their marks on the marble starting blocks, and to picture the temples, treasuries, porticoes and statues as they were. After your visit to Olympia, you will then proceed to the **refreshment venue**. Enjoy your refreshment as you are entertained by the sights and sounds of **Greek music and Zorba dancing**. At the end of the tour, return to the ship by bus.

Please note: Wear comfortable walking shoes.

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Katakolon, Ancient Olympia (Site & Museum)

ACTIVITY LEVEL: MODERATE

The small fishing village of **Katakolon** will be your gateway to the mystical **UNESCO Site** of ancient Olympia, some 25 miles east amid the lush green countryside. For harmony of body and soul and the pursuit of physical excellence, the ancient Greeks couldn't have chosen a more suitable site. The sanctuary of Olympia has the appearance of a park, lying in a soft and fertile landscape. As you step back 2,000 years into the past, you can imagine the area crowded with athletes, orators, merchants and philosophers. You will see the impressive ruins of the **Temple of Zeus**, once one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. After visiting the site, you will take the short walk to the **newly renovated museum**. The exhibits here are findings from the excavations at the site. You will have the opportunity to see the star piece, a **4th century Parian marble statue of Hermes of Praxitelis**, a masterpiece of classical sculpture from the Temple of Hera. Other important exhibits are a sculptured head of Hera and the pediments and metopes from the Temple of Zeus. Before returning to the port of Katakolon you will have some free time in the village of Olympia.

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Katakolon, Best of Olympia

ACTIVITY LEVEL: MODERATE

At ancient **Olympia, a UNESCO Site**, you will step back 2,000 years into the past, to the days of the original Olympic games. Imagine the area crowded with athletes, orators, merchants and philosophers. Picture the **Temple of Zeus** and its 40-foot statue of the god, which was **one of the Seven Ancient Wonders**. The ruins of the temple are still visible today. After your visit to Olympia, you will take the short walk to the newly renovated museum. The exhibits here are findings from the excavations at the site. The most prized exhibit is a 4th century Parian marble statue of **Hermes of Praxitelis**, a masterpiece of classical sculpture from the Temple of Hera. Other exhibits to visit are a sculptured head of Hera and the pediments and metopes from the Temple of Zeus. The **Magna Grecia Farm** located in the heart of a traditional agricultural region is where you will visit the olive grove and learn the history of the olive tree and the tasty, peppery fruit produced here. You are invited to experience the delicious flavors of Greek cuisine by sampling a variety of mezes (**appetizer dishes**) along with local wine. Watch a short demonstration of **Syrtaki dance**, and maybe try a few steps yourself. **Lunch** will be served - a Mediterranean meal. Mineral water is provided with lunch, and you'll have a chance to try ouzo, the local liqueur that tastes like licorice.

Please note: Wear comfortable walking shoes. This tour is not wheelchair accessible.

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