



Central Station Alarm Association 2009 Annual Meeting

October 16 - October 21, 2009

Hotel Grande Bretagne, Athens, Greece

Optional Tours and Excursions

Reservation Deadline: Wednesday, September 9, 2009

All tours are exclusive to CSAA 2009 Annual Meeting Attendees.

All tours are subject to change and cancellation

Optional Tours

Friday, October 16, 2009, 8:00am – 4:30pm

Argolis – Corinth Canal, Mycenae, Nafplion Tour with Luncheon

Minimum of 20 persons/Maximum of 60



Travel to Argolis, an area in the northern part of the Peloponnese which played a major role in the history of Greece dating back to 1500 B.C. You'll visit the Corinth Canal, built between 1882 and 1893. Cut through 262 vertical feet of rock to form a water passage four-miles long, the canal provides a link between the Ionian and Aegean Seas. You'll also visit the fortified city of Mycenae, which was the most powerful influence in Greece until it was destroyed by fire in 1100 B.C. You'll see the Lion Gate, the oldest example of monumental sculpture in Europe and the Treasury of Atreus, also known as the Beehive Tomb of the legendary king Agamemnon, commander of the Greek armies during the war against Troy. On this full-day tour, you'll also visit Nafplion, dominated by the impressive "Palmadidi" fortress and

its quaint streets, outdoor cafes, Turkish fountains, mosques and neo-classical houses with wooden balconies and cascading flowers, as well as the small harbor fortress "Bourtzi". The tour will include a luncheon at Arapakos Tavern in Nafplion, which is housed in a neo-classical building with a view of the port. Your luncheon will include a typical Greek three-course meal and ½ bottle of wine, as well as mineral water and coffee.

Sunday, October 18, 2009, 8:30am – 4:30pm

Cruise to Hydra with Luncheon

Minimum of 20/Maximum of 50

Board a high-speed Hydrofoil from the port of Piraeus, bound for the island of Hydra. As you approach the island, you'll be greeted by the old ships' cannons in front of the little harbor and the windmills on the hilltops, picturesque reminders of Hydra's glorious past when sea captains made the island renowned throughout the seafaring world as "little England". Hydra today is a fashionable artists' colony, a retreat of intellectuals and a favorite film-making location. Proclaimed a landmark preservation area, no motor vehicles are permitted on the island. Though Hydra still upholds its long naval tradition as home of the Merchant Navy Officers' Training School, it is also a cosmopolitan resort. You'll have time to relax and enjoy the waterfront cafes, bars, restaurants, jewelry shops, art galleries and boutiques and explore the steep lanes and their countless steps that lead to dazzling white chapels and gentle paths overlooking the sea. While on the island, you'll enjoy a pleine air luncheon at Sunset Restaurant, situated on the area once occupied by one of the batteries defending the entrance to the port, with old cannons still in position. Your luncheon will include a rich Greek seafood three-course meal and ½ bottle of wine, as well as mineral water and coffee.

If you are looking for a day away from the hustle and bustle of Athens and a break from the ancient Greek ruins and treasures, then this tour to the charming island of Hydra is a must for you.



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Monday, October 19, 2009, 1:30pm – 5:00pm

Archeological Walking Tour with Coffee/Wine and Dessert

Minimum of 12/Maximum of 48

This afternoon walking tour will set out from the Hotel Grande Bretagne for the Ancient Agora, located at the foot of the Acropolis. "Agora" means market in Greek and in ancient Athens, this area was the focus of political, commercial, administrative and social activity, as well as the seat of justice. You will visit the Theseion – Hephisteion. Built in 449 BC, this is one of the best preserved temples of ancient times. You'll also visit the Monument of the Eponymous Heroes, the Poikile Stoa, the Odeion of Agrippa and the Stoa of Attalos before departing the Ancient Agora for a walk through the Plaka, the old quarter of the city. This mostly pedestrian area of the city delights with its picturesque streets, outdoor cafes, ancient monuments and Byzantine churches. You'll pass by the Roman Agora where you can see the Tower of the Winds. Built in the 1st Century BC, this octagonal structure served as a waterclock, compass and weather-vane. While in the Plaka, you'll stop for coffee/wine and desserts at one of the outdoor cafes, before returning to the hotel.

Tuesday, October 20, 2008, 12:00pm – 5:30pm

Cape Sounion and the Temple of Poseidon Tour with Luncheon

Minimum of 20/Maximum of 96

Depart for Cape Sounion, a promontory on the southernmost tip of Attica. Here, on a windswept bluff rising above the Aegean Sea, participants will find the Temple of Poseidon, one of the most impressive classical monuments to have survived to the present day. The temple was built shortly after the middle of the 5th century B.C. What remains of the temple today are 13 Doric columns, which stand majestically on the edge of the cliffs nearly 200 feet above the sea. Made of Parian marble, the frieze's 13 remaining representations depict scenes from the mythical battle between the Centaurs and the Giants, as well as the exploits of Theseus. Your tour will include a luncheon by the sea in Palea Phokea, on the way to Cape Sounion, at the Akrogiali Restaurant. This typical Greek restaurant is known for its local mezzes and fish dishes. Your luncheon will include a 3-course meal, ½ bottle of wine, as well as mineral water and coffee.

Tuesday, October 20, 2008, 7:00pm – 9:30pm

Dine Around in the Plaka

Limited Seating at each restaurant/No overall limit

Join old and new friends for an evening dine-around in the Plaka, the oldest and internationally known quarter of Athens. Known for its remarkable architecture and numerous picturesque taverns as well as its many shops, the Plaka is a favorite of Athenians and tourists alike. Restaurants for the evening include: Diogenis Restaurant, surrounded by neoclassical houses and an ancient monument; Geros tou Moria Tavern, a traditional Greek restaurant known for its Mezzes (appetizers), Greek live music and Foklore dances; and, Elaia Restaurant, housed in a three-story mansion, where mythic Melina mesmerized Dassin in "Never on Sunday." Your evening will include a family-style, four-course meal, ½ bottle house wine, mineral water and coffee, as well as transportation, an English-speaking escort and all gratuities and taxes.

