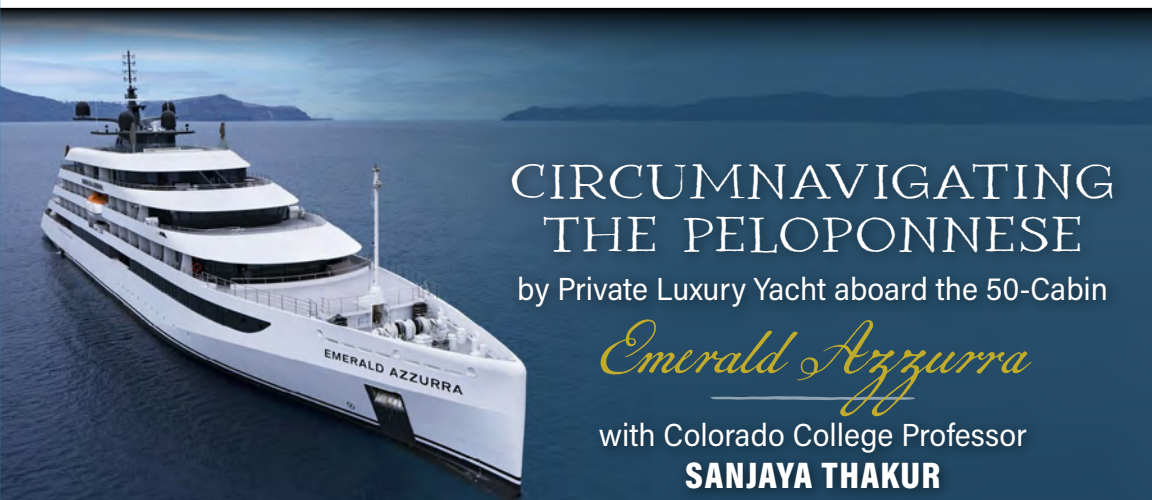


# UNESCO TREASURES OF ANCIENT GREECE

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SEPTEMBER 17-26, 2026



## CIRCUMNAVIGATING THE PELOPONNESE

by Private Luxury Yacht aboard the 50-Cabin

*Emerald Azzurra*

with Colorado College Professor  
**SANJAYA THAKUR**

Dear Colorado College alumni, family, and friends,

**I'M PLEASED TO INVITE YOU** on this **circumnavigation of Greece's Peloponnese peninsula** in the company of **Colorado College Professor of Classics Sanjaya Thakur**. You will spend a night in Athens and then cruise around the Peloponnese aboard the **luxurious, 50-cabin *Emerald Azzurra*** for seven nights.

Along the way, Sanjaya will be part of a **team of onboard experts**, including archaeologists Jack Davis and Shari Stocker, who together will offer a **series of lectures and informal discussions**. This cruise, aboard this ship, with these experts, is an unmatched way to experience a beautiful and deeply historical part of Greece that is filled with archaeological delights.

Your adventure begins in the **heart of historic Athens** with a night at the stylish and contemporary *Athens Capital Hotel – MGallery Collection*, ideally located on Syntagma Square. After a private visit to either the Goulandris Museum of Cycladic Art or the Benaki Museum of Greek Culture, you will embark *Emerald Azzurra*, whose sleek design grants **access to hidden harbors and a rare, full circumnavigation of the Peloponnese peninsula**.

Along the way, visit five UNESCO World Heritage Sites: **Mycenae**, the fabled Bronze Age citadel; **Epidauros**, known for its perfectly preserved ancient theater; **Mystras**, a remarkable Byzantine city; **Olympia**, birthplace of the Olympic Games; and **Delphi**, once home to the most influential oracle in the ancient world. Gain special access to **Nestor's Palace** at Pylos, one of the best-preserved Mycenaean sites in Greece, and glide through the **Diros Caves** by boat, among chambers that show evidence of Neolithic habitation.

Between guided visits, explore coastal towns such as **Nafplion**, **Gythio**, and **Pylos**, each with deep historical roots. Conclude the voyage with a dramatic passage through the **Corinth Canal**, a feat of 19th-century engineering, before returning to Athens. Also available is a **two-night, pre-tour extension in Athens**.

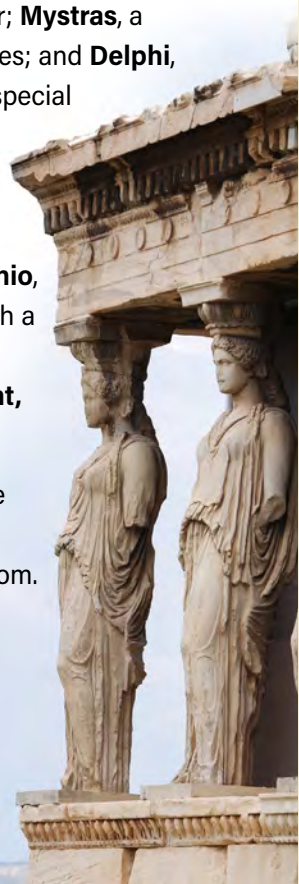
The program is co-sponsored by other organizations, so I encourage you to contact Eos Study Tours today at **(800) 856-8951** or [tigertravel@studytours.org](mailto:tigertravel@studytours.org) to reserve your preferred suite or stateroom.

Sincerely,

Cindy Hyman '82

Associate Vice President for Engagement

Acropolis,  
Athens





Gythio

# Highlights



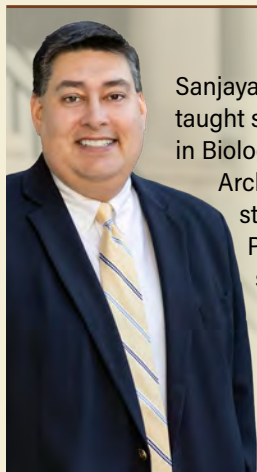
**Visit five UNESCO World Heritage Sites** with expert local guides: Epidauros, Mycenae, Mystras, Olympia, and Delphi.

**Transit the Corinth Canal**, whose history extends back into classical times, including an unsuccessful attempt to build it in the 1st century A.D.

**Cruise for seven nights aboard the luxurious *Emerald Azzurra***, a state-of-the-art mega-yacht privately chartered and expertly staffed for unparalleled comfort and service.

**Gain special access** to one of the most important Mycenaean sites in Greece, Nestor's Palace at Pylos.

**Wander through charming seaside towns** like Nafplion, Gythio, and Pylos, where cobblestone streets, whitewashed buildings, and vibrant harbors create picturesque settings perfect for exploration.



## STUDY LEADER **Sanjaya Thakur**

Sanjaya Thakur is professor of Classics at Colorado College, where he has taught since 2008. Professor Thakur earned a B.S. from UCLA, double-majoring in Biology and Latin; two M.A. degrees (Classical Studies and Classical Art/ Archaeology); and a Ph.D. from the University of Michigan. He has led many study tours through Greece, Italy, and Spain, and is an avid traveler. Professor Thakur was a Fulbright Fellow in Greece (2004-05) and has served as the Director of the Classical Summer School at the American Academy in Rome (2021-23) and as an Elizabeth A. Whitehead Scholar at the American School of Classical Studies in Athens (2022-23). He teaches a wide range of courses on campus and abroad for CC on subjects such as Greek and Roman history, Greek and Latin literature, ancient athletics, and Greek and Roman art and archaeology.

**EXPERTS FROM CO-SPONSORING ORGANIZATIONS**, including the Archaeological Institute of America, the American Horticultural Society, National Trust Tours, and Yale Alumni Academy, will offer lectures throughout the program.



## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

NAFPLION ≈ MYCENAE ≈ EPIDAUROS

Spend the day visiting two incredible UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Explore Mycenae, the fabled Bronze Age citadel that, according to Homer, was ruled by King Agamemnon. Then head to Epidauros to see the historic Asclepeion and experience the remarkable acoustics of the 4th-century B.C. theater. Enjoy lunch at Skouras, a renowned local estate, with the option to stay a bit longer afterward for a vineyard tour. Later in the afternoon, choose between exploring the grounds and ramparts of Palamidi Fortress or taking a guided walking tour through the charming streets of Nafplion, a picturesque seaside town beneath the Venetian castle. *EMERALD AZZURRA* (B,L,D)

# ITINERARY

## THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 AND 18

HOME ≈ ATHENS, GREECE

Depart home on an overnight flight to Athens, Greece. Arrive Friday, September 18, and transfer to the centrally located *Athens Capital Hotel—MGallery Collection*, situated at Syntagma Square. This elegant boutique hotel blends contemporary design with classic Greek touches. In the evening, gather for a welcome orientation and reception.

*ATHENS CAPITAL HOTEL* (R)

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

ATHENS ≈ PIRAEUS ≈ EMBARKATION

After breakfast, enjoy the first lecture of the trip. In the morning, choose between a visit to the Goulandris Museum of Cycladic Art, the Benaki Museum of Greek Culture, or a guided exploration of the historic Athens National Garden. Savor a delicious Greek lunch. In the afternoon, embark the *Emerald Azzurra* in the port of Piraeus. The day concludes with the Captain's welcome reception and dinner aboard. *EMERALD AZZURRA* (B,L,R,D)

## MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

GYTHIO ≈ MYSTRAS ≈ SPARTA ≈  
DIROS CAVES

Start the day with a morning lecture before visiting the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Mystras, a beautifully preserved medieval walled town, and the legendary city of Sparta. In the afternoon, return to Gythio to either enjoy lunch aboard ship or on your own at one of the town's inviting seaside tavernas. Then set out on a small-boat cruise through the Diros Caves, where dramatic stalagmites and stalactites reveal an ancient shelter and sacred place of worship. *EMERALD AZZURRA* (B,L,D)

## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

KALAMATA ≈ MESSENE

Begin the day with a morning lecture, followed by a visit to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of ancient Messene, a classical city-state re-founded in 369 B.C. Wander through its remarkably well-preserved ruins including ancient walls, a theater, temples, and a stadium set against rolling hills and olive groves. Explore the ongoing excavations and restoration projects and visit the onsite



Acropolis,  
Athens



Diros Cave



Corinth Canal

museum showcasing remarkable archaeological finds. Or, visit the gardens of the Patrick Leigh Fermor House in Kardamyli, set on terraces overlooking the sea. Conclude with lunch aboard the ship and time to cruise or swim in the crystal-clear waters nearby.

*EMERALD AZZURRA (B,L,D)*

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

#### PYLOS

Explore the remarkable Bronze Age site of Nestor's Palace, where co-sponsor AIA's study leaders have conducted years of fieldwork and will offer unique insights into life in the Mycenaean world. Visit a working olive farm to see traditional cultivation practices and sample fresh, organic oils. Alternatively, explore historic landmarks such as Methoni Castle, one of the largest fortresses in the Mediterranean, or the Pylos Archaeological Museum. Enjoy free time to stroll through the charming streets of Pylos' historic center, browsing local shops or simply taking in the town's atmosphere.

*EMERALD AZZURRA (B,L,D)*

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

#### KATAKOLON ≈ OLYMPIA

Begin the morning with a visit to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Olympia, the iconic location of the ancient Olympic Games. Explore its remarkable temples, stadium, sanctuary, and stoa. Experience history firsthand by partaking in a foot race on the original Olympic track. Choose to tour the Botanical Garden, where plant species are selected based on descriptions in Greek literature, or dive deeper into the past at the Archaeological Museum, home to statues, votive offerings, and treasures from the ancient sanctuary. In the afternoon, relax with a scenic cruise along the stunning Gulf of Corinth. *EMERALD AZZURRA (B,L,D)*

Methoni  
Castle



### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

#### ITEA (DELPHI) ≈ CORINTH CANAL

Start the day with a morning lecture before docking at Itea for a climb to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Delphi, famed for the Oracle whose pronouncements were sought for centuries. In the afternoon, cruise through the breathtakingly narrow Corinth Canal, where teal crystal-clear waters meet dramatic cliffs. The day concludes with the Captain's farewell reception and dinner onboard.

*EMERALD AZZURRA (B,L,R,D)*

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

#### ATHENS ≈ HOME

Disembark in Athens this morning and transfer to Athens International Airport for flights home. (B)

## OPTIONAL PRE-TRIP EXTENSION

### TUESDAY-FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15-18

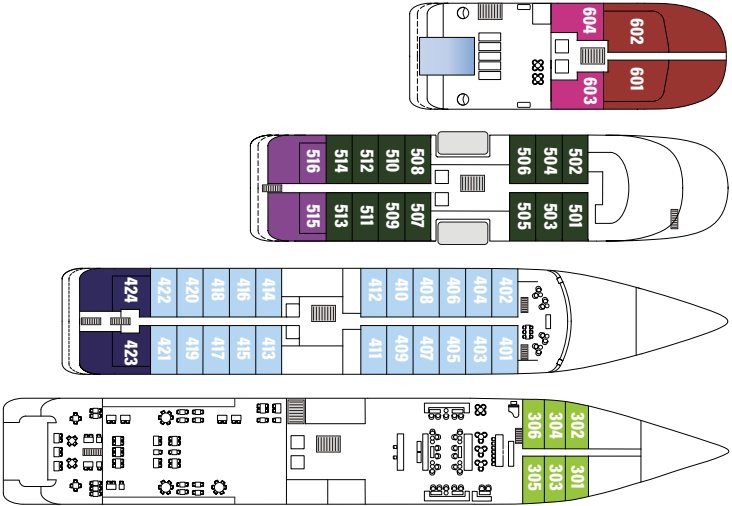
#### ATHENS, GREECE

Depart home on an overnight flight to Athens, Greece. Arrive Wednesday, September 16, and transfer to the centrally located *Athens Capital Hotel—MGallery Collection*. Experience the treasures of Athens on this two-night, pre-tour extension. Explore ancient landmarks from the bustling Agora and lively Plaka to the iconic Acropolis and its acclaimed museum. Savor authentic Greek meals, visit the National Archaeological Museum, and enjoy time to discover this vibrant city at your own pace.

# EMERALD AZZURRA

In March 2022, Emerald Cruises launched the *Emerald Azzurra*, a sleek mega-yacht designed to explore ports and harbors inaccessible to larger ships. Measuring 360 feet in length with just 50 spacious cabins, this stunning vessel offers a modern, Scandinavian-inspired ambiance. Forty-four cabins feature step-out balconies and modern amenities. All cabins, except the premium suites, have beds that can be configured as either two twins or a queen, while the premium suites feature fixed king beds. Each cabin also includes flat-screen TVs, stocked mini-bars, and bathrooms equipped with hair dryers, plush robes, and premium bath products.

The *Azzurra* offers inviting public spaces designed for relaxation and comfort, including multiple lounges and outdoor areas where you can soak in the views. Delight in fresh, locally sourced cuisine prepared by expert chefs, served either in the elegant Reflections Restaurant or al fresco on The Terrace. Indulge in a range of luxurious amenities: unwind with a dip in the infinity pool or soak in the outdoor hot tub. Savor handcrafted cocktails at the open-air Sky Bar or in the elegant Horizon Bar and Lounge (which also converts to a lecture room with full A/V capabilities). Rejuvenate your body and mind at the Wellness Center with soothing massages, revitalizing facials, and a cutting-edge infrared sauna. Stay connected with complimentary Wi-Fi throughout the yacht, and explore onshore with a selection of bikes, including e-bikes, available for guests.



| CATEGORY                                                                                               | PROGRAM RATES (Per Person) |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>D Oceanview Stateroom</b> 183–205 sq. ft., window                                                   |                            |
| double occupancy                                                                                       | \$10,990                   |
| single occupancy                                                                                       | \$15,990                   |
| <b>B Balcony Suite</b> 260 sq. ft., sliding glass door to 45 sq. ft. private balcony                   |                            |
| double occupancy                                                                                       | \$13,990                   |
| single occupancy                                                                                       | \$19,990                   |
| <b>A Balcony Suite</b> 260 sq. ft., sliding glass door to 45 sq. ft. private balcony                   |                            |
| double occupancy                                                                                       | \$14,990                   |
| <b>S Deluxe Balcony Suite</b> 305 sq. ft., sliding glass door to oversized 100 sq. ft. balcony         |                            |
| double occupancy                                                                                       | \$16,990                   |
| <b>T Terrace Suite</b> 260 sq. ft., sliding glass door to 410 sq. ft. private terrace                  |                            |
| double occupancy                                                                                       | \$19,990                   |
| <b>Y Yacht Suite</b> (premium suite) 345 sq. ft., sliding glass door to 375 sq. ft. private terrace    |                            |
| double occupancy                                                                                       | \$21,990                   |
| <b>SA Owner's Suite</b> (premium suite) 580 sq. ft., sliding glass door to 600 sq. ft. private terrace |                            |
| double occupancy                                                                                       | \$26,990                   |

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Program Rates Include

All accommodations, meals, and excursions as specified in the itinerary including one hotel night and seven nights aboard *Emerald Azzurra* ■ Comprehensive program of briefings, lectures, and presentations ■ Transfers for all participants on group arrival and departure dates ■ Baggage handling ■ Gratuities to porters, waitstaff, guides, and drivers ■ Gratuities to shipboard personnel ■ Port charges ■ Entrance fees ■ Welcome and farewell wine receptions ■ House wine, beer, and soft drinks with group lunches and dinners ■ Alcoholic/non-alcoholic beverages and Wi-Fi throughout the cruise ■ Filtered water on motorcoaches ■ Professional tour manager throughout the program

### Program Rates Do Not Include

U.S. domestic and international airfare ■ Passport/visa expenses ■ Medical expenses and immunizations ■ Private airport transfers or airport transfers outside of group arrival and departure dates ■ Travel and trip cancellation insurance ■ Excursions that deviate from the scheduled tour options ■ Airline baggage charges ■ Meals not specified in the itinerary; dishes and beverages not part of the included meals; premium alcoholic drinks ■ Laundry or dry cleaning ■ Telephone, fax, Internet, and email charges ■ Room service ■ Other items of a personal nature

### Air Arrangements

U.S. domestic and international airfare is not included in the program rates. Valerie Wilson Travel, Inc., can help with airline arrangements for this trip and can be reached at 877-376-1754 or by e-mail at [tou flights@vwti.com](mailto:tou flights@vwti.com). You are also welcome to book your air transportation through your local travel agent, an online travel site, or the airline of your choice. Further information about making flight arrangements will be sent to confirmed participants.

### What to Expect

The pace of this tour is moderately active with considerable walking each day, often over very uneven and cobblestoned terrain, and extended periods of standing. The ship has two elevators. All participants will be required to follow safety/sanitization protocols set forth by Colorado College Tiger Travel or Criterion Travel, our tour operator; local staff; and host country laws. If the tour manager decides that a participant cannot visit a site safely or in a timely manner, their judgment will be final. Where possible, an alternate activity may be suggested; additional costs may apply.

### Group Size

This program is limited to 84 participants, including travelers from Colorado College Tiger Travel, the Archaeological Institute of America, American Horticultural Society, National Trust Tours, and Yale Alumni Academy.

Travel Insurance

Travel insurance for trip cancellation and interruption, medical problems, baggage loss and delay, etc., is highly recommended. Trip cancellation policies that apply to this journey are included in this brochure. Information about travel insurance will be sent to confirmed participants.

A Note About Rates

Tour rates are based upon current fuel prices, currency values, taxes, tariffs, and a minimum number of participants. While we will do everything possible to maintain the listed rates, they are subject to change. If there are significant changes, details and costs will be advised prior to departure.

Terms and Conditions

Complete Terms and Conditions, including Statement of Responsibility, will be made available to you at time of registration, or in advance upon request. A signed "Terms and Conditions, Release from Liability, Assumption of Risk and Binding Arbitration Clause" is required from each applicant prior to participation on the tour.

Reservations and Payments

To reserve space, return the completed reservation form with your \$1,000 per person deposit to: Eos Study Tours/ Colorado College Tiger Travel, P.O. Box 938, 47 Main Street, Suite One, Walpole, NH 03608-0938 or fax to 603-756-2922. Balance of payment is due 120 days prior to departure (May 20, 2026). We accept checks, payable to "Eos COL-PelopCRI9/26" as well as VISA, MasterCard, and American Express for deposits. Reservations will be processed in order of receipt. Credit cards are NOT accepted for final payment.

Participant Cancellations and Refunds

Cancellations must be received in writing by Eos Study Tours/Colorado College Tiger Travel. Deposits are refundable (less a \$250 per person admin fee) if written notice of cancellation is received within 30 days of booking; after that, deposits are 100% nonrefundable. After the May 20, 2026 final payment deadline: All payments are 100% nonrefundable, regardless of booking date. For this reason, we strongly urge participants to purchase trip cancellation insurance. Refunds cannot be made to participants who do not participate in any part of the program, who do not complete the tour for whatever reason, or whose entry into any country and/or hotel or aboard any cruise vessel on the itinerary is delayed or denied.

Trip Cancellations and Refunds

If the program is cancelled by Eos Study Tours/Colorado College or Criterion Travel, our tour operator, you will receive a full refund, without further obligation on our part. However, if trip cancellation, itinerary changes, and/or delays are mandated by causes beyond our control, the participant shall have the option of accepting in lieu of the original tour such rescheduled tour or other substituted tour(s) as may be offered by Eos Study Tours/ Colorado College or Criterion Travel, or else receiving a refund of as much of such advance tour expenditures as Eos Study Tours/Colorado College and Criterion Travel are able to recover on the participant's behalf from carriers, third-party tour vendors, etc. Neither Eos Study Tours/Colorado College nor Criterion Travel shall have any obligation or liability to the participant beyond the foregoing.

Health

All participants should be in good health and capable of keeping up with an active group of travelers without assistance from tour staff. By forwarding the deposit for passage, the participant certifies that he/she does not have any physical or other condition or disability that would create a hazard for him/herself or other participants.

Itinerary Changes

The itinerary and study leader presented for this tour are subject to modification and change by Eos Study Tours/ Colorado College and Criterion Travel. Every reasonable effort will be made to operate the program as planned; however, should unforeseen world events and conditions require the itinerary to be altered, Eos Study Tours/Colorado College and the tour operator reserve the right to do so for the safety and best interest of the group. Any extra expenses incurred in this situation are the responsibility of the participant.

Responsibility

By submitting your deposit, you are bound to the terms and conditions delineated throughout this brochure. Due to space limitations these are not Eos Study Tours/ Colorado College complete Terms and Conditions, which are available upon request and will be sent to you along with a Release of Liability requiring your signature.

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Are you traveling with any other parties on this program? ☐ Yes \_\_\_\_\_

PAYMENT INFORMATION

☐ Enclosed is my check for \$\_\_\_\_\_ (\$1,000 per person, payable to "Eos COL-PelopCRI9/26") for \_\_\_\_\_ place(s) on *UNESCO Treasures of Ancient Greece*.  
☐ Please charge my deposit of \$\_\_\_\_\_ (\$1,000 per person) to my ☐ VISA ☐ MasterCard ☐ AmEx

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ACCOMMODATIONS (not guaranteed)

Cabin category preference:  
1st choice \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd choice \_\_\_\_\_  
Bed preference: ☐ Queen ☐ Twin

SINGLE TRAVELERS (choose one)

☐ I prefer single accommodations  
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☐ I'd like to know about roommates.  
I am a ☐ non-smoker ☐ smoker

I understand that if a roommate cannot be found by the final payment deadline of **May 20, 2026** I will pay the single rate.

I/We have read the General Information section of the brochure and agree to the Terms and Conditions stated therein.

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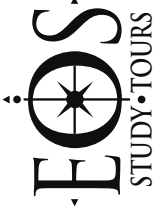
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