



# GREECE

## OLYMPIAN FESTIVAL



**AUGUST**  
**9-16, 2020**

In celebration of Voices Boston and their 30th anniversary with master conductor, Daniel P. Ryan, Dr. Kevin Meild, and Greek Composer, Lina Tonia.



## WELCOME TO GREECE!

Home of prolific philosophers, Aristotle and Socrates, Cradle of Western Civilization, the Origin of the Olympic games.

Join us in Thessaloniki in the summer of 2020 for the Olympian Choral Festival. As the world revels in the Summer Olympics in Tokyo, we will celebrate as well in the birthplace of the world's largest athletic and cultural events. The festival will feature outstanding singers from America who, in partnership with the people Greece, will create a memorable musical experience in an unforgettable location.

Come sing with us and discover the treasures of Greece!

*Daniel P. Ryan*  
Artistic Director & Conductor



## ABOUT vámonos tours

Vamonos Tours encompasses cultural immersion, music, and education to give its travelers a truly memorable experience. Our programs are designed to provide exceptional exchange opportunities with local ensembles and amazing concerts in unique venues. We ensure travelers are engaged participants, not just observers.



Vamonos understands the challenges of traveling as a performance group. Our goal is to provide a seamless travel opportunity, a well thought out itinerary, and unforgettable musical moments.



## TOUR OUTLINE

- 8 days, 7 nights
- Breakfast and dinner daily
- Opportunity for individual concerts
- Gala festival concert
- Amazing sightseeing

## ITINERARY | THESSALONIKI

Itinerary is subject to change

### Depart | Sunday, August 9

Depart Boston

### Arrive Thessaloniki | Monday, August 10

Upon arrival in Thessaloniki you will be greeted at the airport by your tour guide and board the private coach. Absorb the impressive views of the Thermaic Gulf and the entire city from the ancient Acropolis of Thessaloniki. Stroll through one of the many marketplaces before you check into your hotel and enjoy the evening's Welcome Dinner. Overnight in Thessaloniki.

### Explore Thessaloniki | Tuesday, August 11

After your first breakfast in Greece, attend a morning rehearsal with Dan Ryan. Start the day with a walking tour of Thessaloniki beginning at the Archeological Museum. Perhaps you will walk by the statue of Alexander the Great and the famed White Tower on the way to colorful Navarinou Square for lunch. After lunch, a visit to the remarkable Galerius Palace Complex will be in order. You will be amazed by one of the oldest religious sites in the city, the Rotunda and the Arch of Galerius. Then it's on to the Hagia Sophia, an architectural masterpiece of the 8th century. Dinner this evening will be in Ladadika, the charming historic port district of Thessaloniki. Overnight in Thessaloniki

### Concert Time | Wednesday, August 12

After breakfast there will be another rehearsal with Dan Ryan. Following some inspiring time with Mr. Ryan it will be time to explore Ano Poli, the Upper City, which boasts imposing fortress walls. You will embrace the stunning views of the city from Alysseos Tower as you ascend through the narrow streets of this nostalgic area filled with UNESCO World Heritage sites. You might visit the Vlatadon Monastery with its historic relics and the well preserved 12th century Byzantine public baths. A stop in the vibrant Athonos Square for lunch will please the appetite you've worked on. After lunch the Hagios Demetrios with its dazzling mosaic encrusted interior and unique crypt await you. Then it will be time for a rehearsal before the evening's concert, followed by a late dinner. Overnight Thessaloniki.

### Mt Olympus | Thursday, August 13

Directly after breakfast we will depart for the famed Mt. Olympus, home of Zeus. Breathtaking vistas and incredible trailhead scenery await you. Perhaps lunch will be in a village the Aegean seaside, where the crystal blue waters beckon. After lunch there will be time to tour of the archaeological park in the ancient city of Dion. An evening performance at the Olympus Festival in Dion is a possibility before heading back to Thessaloniki. Overnight Thessaloniki.

### Gala Concert | Friday, August 14

The morning will start with a combined rehearsal in the festival venue with Lina Tonia. Once this has ended there will be an opportunity to explore Thessaloniki further or perhaps visit your favorite site again. Lunch will be in one of the many market areas. The afternoon will consist of a final dress rehearsal with Dan Ryan, Kevin Meidl, and Lina Tonia. The evening will culminate in the Gala Festival Concert. Overnight in Thessaloniki.

### Celebration | Saturday, August 15

This day will be a celebration, perhaps a beach excursion will be on the agenda or a traditional Greek festival where dancing lasts all day. A picnic lunch is a possibility on a day when the possibilities are endless. And perfect end to the day and the tour will be a Farewell Dinner. Overnight in Thessaloniki.

### Depart for home | Sunday, August 16

Depart Thessaloniki for Boston

## PACKAGE DETAILS

\*\$4,000 with airfare  
Price per person  
\$3,200 land only



### INCLUSIONS

- Round trip airfare from Boston\*
- Triple/quad occupancy for youth, double for adults in 3 to 4-star hotels
- Private coach with driver
- All activities and excursions as per the itinerary
- All concert organization and concert promotion
- Breakfast and dinner daily
- Tour manager
- Tips

### EXCLUSIONS

- Travel insurance
- Single room supplement
- Meals other than specified on the itinerary
- Any additional luggage charges
- Personal expenses
- Any other items not mentioned in the inclusions

### PAYMENT SCHEDULE

- \$250 | February 3, 2020 (with airfare) OR March 1, 2020 (land only)
- \$900 | March 15, 2020
- \$800 | April 15, 2020
- Remaining balance: May 15, 2020

### PRICE NOTES

All prices are in USD guaranteed for a minimum of 40 paying travelers; prices are based on current exchange rate which is subject to change.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

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