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NEWSLETTER

5 Most Inaccessible Monasteries in the World:

- Monasteries of Meteora, Greece
- Taung Kalat Monastery, Burma
- Taktsang Palphug Monastery, Bhutan
- Sumela Monastery, Turkey
- Hanging Monastery, China

HOLY TRINITY MONASTERY Kalambaka, Greece

Agia Triada (also Ayías Triádhos, Ayia Triada or Aghia Triada; "Holy Trinity") is probably the most dramatically positioned monastery of the [Meteora](#). It is perched atop a slender pinnacle and accessible only by 140 steep steps, making it one of the most peaceful monasteries as well.

The Metéora (Greek for "suspended in the air" or "in the heavens above") is a group of six monasteries and one of the largest and most important complexes of Eastern Orthodox monasteries in Greece. The six monasteries, built on natural sandstone rock pillars, are one of the most powerful examples of the architectural transformation of a site into a place of retreat, meditation and prayer.



The monasteries are built on rock pinnacles of deltaic origin, known as Meteora, which rise starkly over 400 m above the Peneas valley and the small town of Kalambaka on the Thessalian plain. During the fearsome time of political instability in 14th century the monasteries were systematically built on top of the inaccessible peaks so that by the end of the 15th century there were 24 of them. They continued to flourish until the 17th century. Today, only four monasteries - Aghios Stephanos, Aghia Trias, Varlaam and Meteoron - still house religious communities.

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Upon arrival our friendly staff will transfer you to your hotel. Balance of day at leisure.

Day 2. Athens.

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Day 3. Athens-Delphi-Meteora.

Departure for your 2-day Delphi-Meteora tour. Leave for Delphi via Thebes, Levadia and the picturesque village of Arachova, on the slopes of Mount Parnassus, arrive in Delphi and visit the Archaeological Site. After the visit depart for Kalambaka, passing through picturesque villages and towns of Central Greece. Dinner and overnight.

Day 4. Meteora-Athens.

Visit Meteora and enjoy a unique and most impressive scenery with ageless Monasteries, containing priceless historical and religious treasures, standing between earth and sky atop huge rocks. Return to Athens via Trikala, Lamia, Thermopylae (short stop to see across the road the Leonida's Monument), arrive in Athens early in the evening.

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Holland America-Volendam	June 14, 2017	10-Day Yukon + Double Denali	Vancouver, B.C.- Anchorage, AK	Tracy Arm Inlet, Juneau, AK; Skagway, AK; Fraser, AK; Whitehorse, AK; Klondike Hwy, Dawson, AK; Fairbanks, AK; Denali, AK; Talkeetna, AK	Inside - \$1,798 Ocean View- \$1,928
Holland America-Noordam	June 18, 2017	7-Day Glacier Discovery Northbound	Vancouver B.C.- Anchorage, AK	Cruising the Inside Passage; Ketchikan, AK; Juneau, AK; Skagway, AK; cruising Glacier Bay	Inside- \$999 Ocean View- \$1,329 Balcony-\$1,799
Holland America-Eurodam	July 8, 2017	7-Day Alaska	RT Seattle	Juneau, AK; cruising Glacier Bay; Sitka, AK; Ketchikan, AK; Victoria, B.C.	Inside- \$1,199 Ocean View- \$1,589 Balcony-\$1,999
Panama Canal					
Caribbean Princess	Oct. 31, 2017	10-Day Panama Canal	RT Fort Lauderdale	Princess Cays, Bahamas; Cartagena, Columbia; Panama Canal, Panama; Colon, Panama; Limon, Costa Rica; Ocho Rios, Jamaica	Inside-\$1,099 Ocean View-\$1,599 Balcony-\$1,799
Canada and New England					
Crown Princess	Oct. 15, 2017	10-Day Classic Canada and New England	New York, NY- Quebec City, Quebec	Saint John, New Brunswick (for the Bay of Fundy), Halifax, Nova Scotia, Charlottetown, Bar Harbor, Boston, Newport	Inside-\$1,399 Ocean View-\$2,099 Balcony-\$2,539
Caribbean					
RCCL Adventure of the Seas	Jul. 29, 2017	7-Night Southern Caribbean	RT San Juan, Puerto Rico	Kralendijk, Bonaire; Willemstad, Curacao; Oranjestad, Aruba, Philipsburg, St. Maarten	Inside-\$928 Ocean View- \$998 Balcony- \$1,370
RCCL Harmony of the Seas	Dec. 9, 2017	7-Night Western Caribbean	RT Miami, FL	Labadee, Haiti; Falmouth, Jamaica; Cozumel, Mexico	Inside-\$814 Ocean View- \$939 Balcony- \$1,049
Bahamas					
RCCL Majesty of the Seas	Oct. 2, 2017	4 Night Bahamas	RT Orlando, FL	Nassau, Bahamas; Cococay, Bahamas	Inside-\$289 Ocean View-\$344
Europe					
Celebrity Reflection	Sep 1, 2017	10-Night Italy & Greek Isles	RT Rome, Italy	Sicily, Italy; Mykonos, Greece; Ephesus, Turkey; Rhodes, Greece; Santorini, Greece; Naples, Italy	Inside-\$1,709 Ocean View-\$2,399 Balcony-\$2,549

*RCCL=Royal Caribbean Cruise Line

*Prices are listed per person based on double occupancy. They do not include port fees and taxes. All prices are subject to availability and may change until confirmed.