



Greece A Learning Experience

Live your Greek myth
A journey of discovery

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Objective

Summer courses are organized by Greek Universities and the non-profit Institute of Economic and Cultural action Greece- China.



The program offers “**on –site classes**”.

- Students will visit **historical places and modern institutions** and will have a unique first-hand experience of Greece **in the spheres of culture and business**.
- Students will enjoy lectures by distinguish professors from the best Greek Universities.



17 days trip

- Historical sites (ancient and Byzantine)
- Famous museums
- Islands (Crete, Santorin, Corfu)
- Local enterprises visits (media, high technology, Chambers of Commerce, educational institutions, shipping and trade companies)
- Cultural performances
- Distinguish lectures
- Unique experience of Greek night life



Greece in brief

Capital: Athens

Official language:
Greek

Area: 131,957km

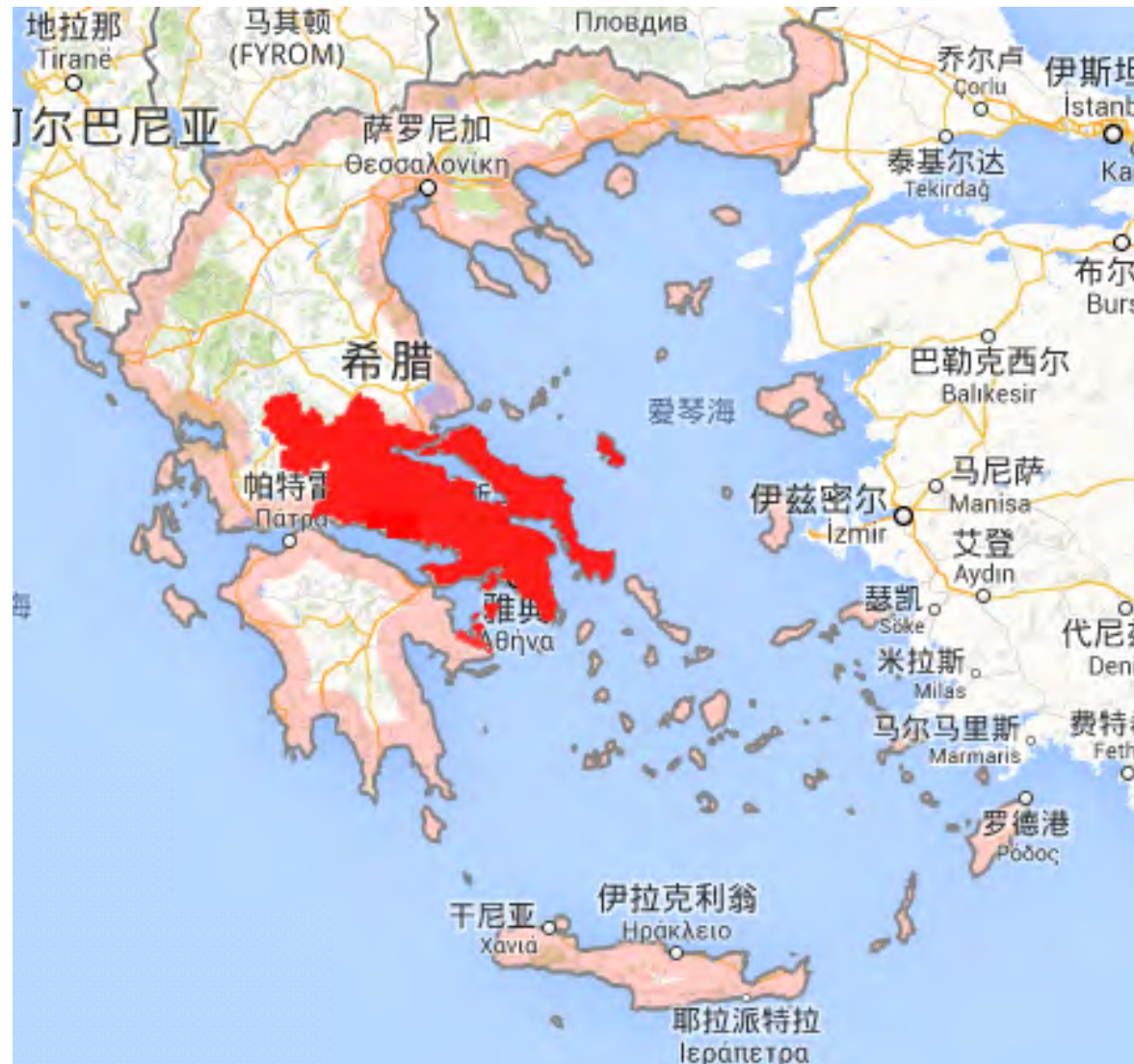
Population:
10,815,197

Political system:
parliamentary
constitutional
republic

Currency: Euro

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Central Greece



Central Greece

Athens --- *the political, cultural and financial center*

- The city with ***the most glorious history*** in the world, a city worshipped by gods and humans, a magical city.
- The enchanting ***capital of Greece*** is the birthplace of western civilization.
- It is the city where ***democracy*** was born and most of the wise men of ancient times.
- The most important civilization of ancient world flourished in Athens and relives through some of the world's most formidable edifices.



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*Athens --- the political,
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• *Lectures:*

- Athens: the birthplace of **democracy**
- Greece: the **crossroads** of 3 continents. Greece today
- **Astronomy** in ancient and modern times
- Greek Herbs **for health, longevity and beauty**
- The leading role of Greek **Shipping** industry



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Visits and Activities

Cultural Places of visiting:

- Acropolis (UNESCO World Heritage Site)
- Panathinaiko Stadium
- Temple of Poseidon Cape Sounion
- Old city of Athens (Plaka)
- The Greek Parliament



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Visits and Activities

- New Acropolis & Archaeological museums
- Byzantine Museum



Other Institutions:

- Planetarium
- Shipping enterprise
- Port of Piraeus
- Greek media (TV channels, newspapers)

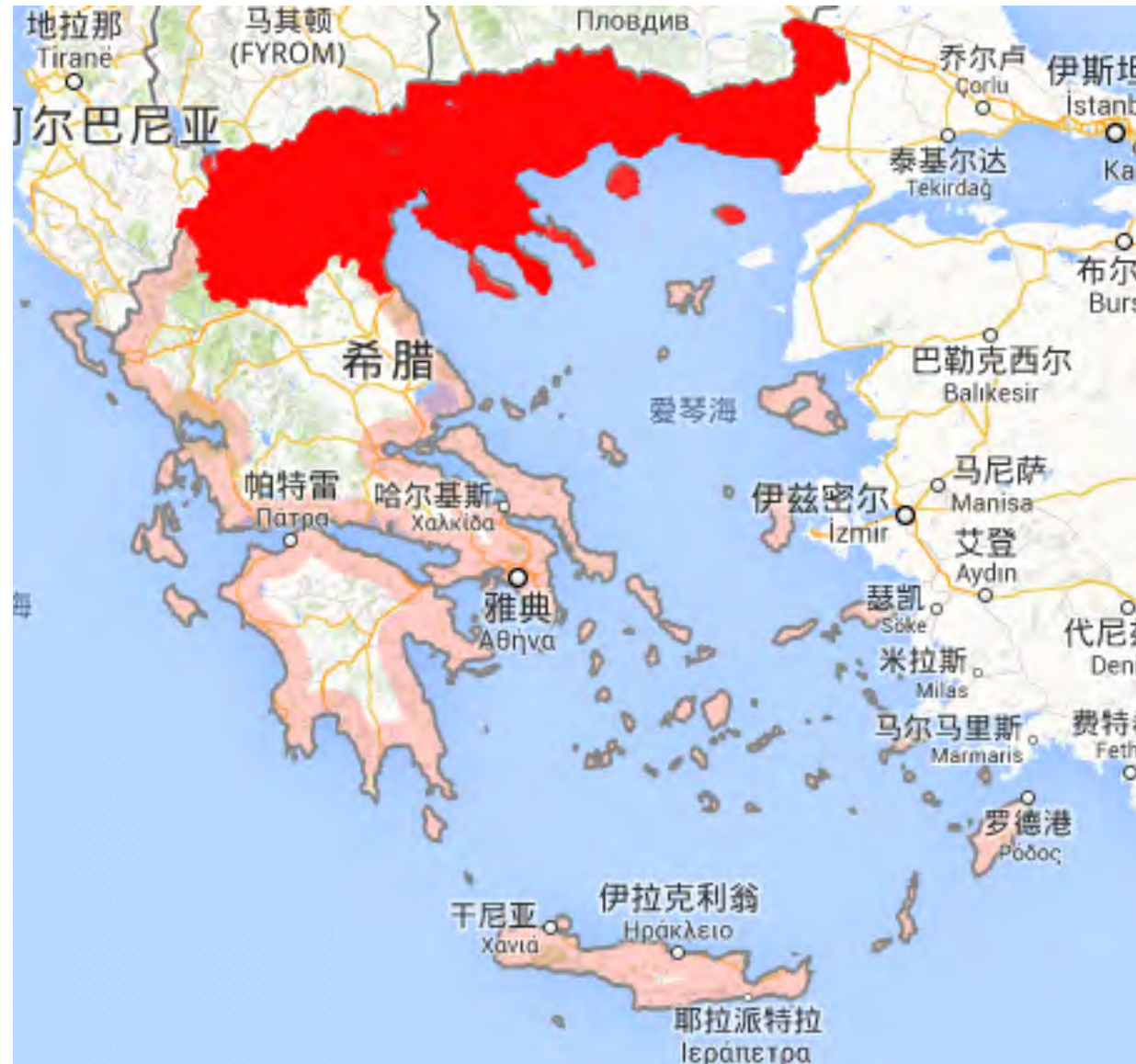


- Delphi (UNESCO World Heritage Site)



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Northern Greece



Northern Greece Thessaloniki

- Often referred to as Macedonia, a *geographic and historical* region of Greece in the southern Balkans. It is the *largest and second most populous* Greek region.



- It incorporates most of the territories of ancient Macedon, a kingdom ruled by the Argeads whose most celebrated members were Alexander the Great and his father, Philip II.

Northern Greece - Thessaloniki

• *Lectures:*

- Alexander the Great: from Greece (Vergina) to India
- Thessaloniki in Byzantine times

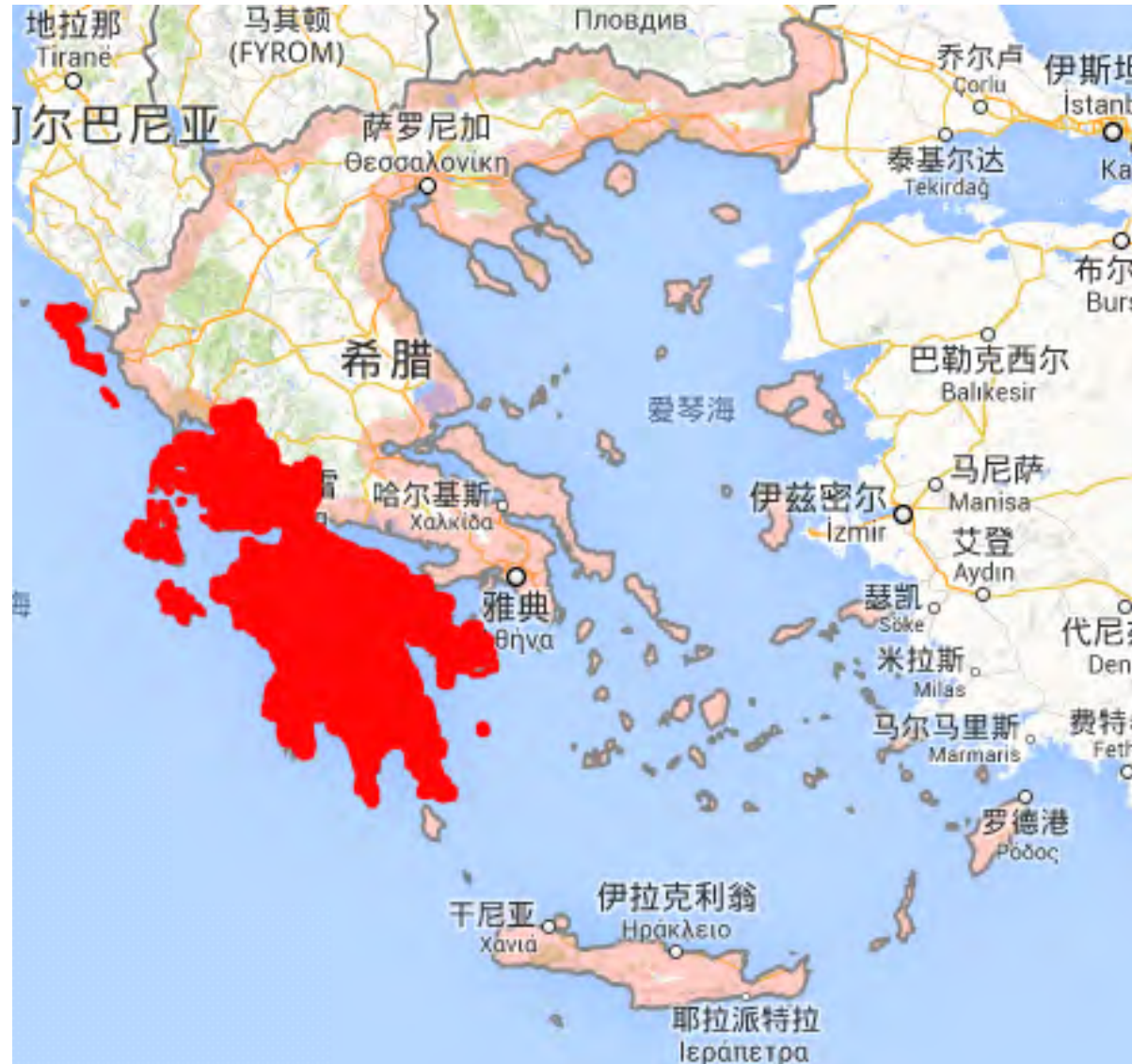
• *Places of visiting:*

- Vergina (UNESCO World Heritage Site)
- Byzantine monuments (UNESCO World Heritage Site)
- Archaeological & Byzantine museums
- White Tower
- The Old City



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Peloponnese and Western Greece



Peloponnese and Western Greece

The Peloponnese is a large peninsula and geographic region in southern Greece. It is separated from the northern part of the country by the Gulf of Corinth.

In 776 BC *the first Olympic Games* were held at Olympia. This date is sometimes used to denote the beginning of the classical period of Greek antiquity.





Peloponnese and Western Greece

• *Lectures:*

- Theatre and democracy
- Olympia: The birthplace of Olympic Games
- Corfu from Odysseus to the Empress Sissy



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Visits and Activities

Peloponnese and Western Greece

• *Places of visiting:*

- Ancient Olympia (UNESCO World Heritage Site)
- The Sanctuary of Asklepios at Epidaurus (UNESCO World Heritage Site)
- Temple of Apollo Epicurius (UNESCO World Heritage Site)
- Mystras (UNESCO World Heritage Site)



- Archeological site of Mycenae and Tiryns
- Ancient Theatre of Epidaurus
- Monemvasia
- The Caves of Diros
- Old City of Corfu
- Achilleion (is a palace built in Corfu by Empress Sissy)
- Museum of Asian Art

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Aegean Sea - islands



Aegean Sea – Santorini

The Aegean Islands are a group of islands in the Aegean Sea with mainland Greece to the west and north and Turkey to the east.

Santorini is an island in the southern Aegean Sea. It is essentially what remains after an enormous volcanic explosion that destroyed the earliest settlements on a formerly single island and created the current geological caldera.

- ***Lecture:***

The explosion of Volcano and the Lost Atlantis

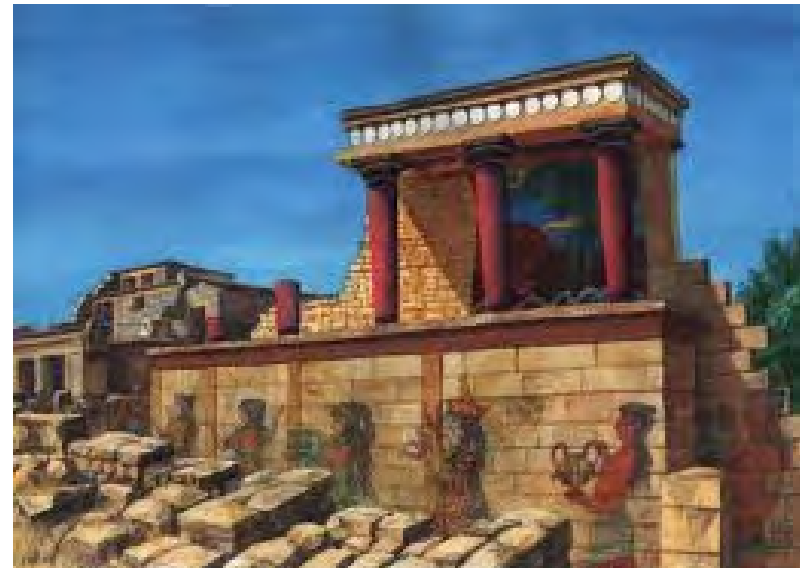
- ***Place of visiting:***

Caldera



Crete - Heraklion

- Heraklion is the largest urban centre in the island of Crete, the capital of the region and the economic centre of the island.
- The first European civilization, *the Minoan civilization*, flourished on this land 5000 years ago.
- During the last 20 years the city has also made a remarkable progress in the academic and technological fields.



Crete - Heraklion

• *Lectures:*

- Knossos: The first European Civilization
- The Cretan diet, origins of Mediterranean diet: health, longevity and well-being
- Creativity and Innovation in technology today: The Greek contribution

• *Place of visiting:*

- Knossos Palace
- Old Venetian Harbour
- Cathedral Agios Titos (a monument from the Byzantine Era)
- Venetian Walls
- Archeological & Kazantzakis museums
- Old city



希腊有世上最净洁的天空和最清澈的海水。你看那山巅的诸神，居住在神庙中，屹立于山巅，肃穆而优雅，仿佛心中悲欣交集。

橄榄树的颂歌随风萦绕，从马其顿的群山吟诵到塞萨利的平川，飘过伯罗奔尼撒，直到大海。

爱琴海与伊奥尼亚海是她的眼睛，海上星罗棋布的岛屿是她眼中的精魂。

这里的生活简朴、平静、热情而有创造力，如此平易近人——就像天堂一样。

——阙建容

Η Ελλάδα έχει τον καθαρότερο ουρανό και τη διαυγέστερη θάλασσα στον κόσμο. Βλέπεις τους θεούς στην κορυφή των βουνών, τους ναούς να υψώνονται ήσυχα και ευγενικά σαν σε χαρμολύπη.

Ο ύμνος των λιόδεντρων ακούγεται παντού, από τα βουνά της Μακεδονίας στην πεδιάδα της Θεσσαλίας και ως κάτω στην Πελοπόννησο και, τελικά, φτάνει στη θάλασσα.

Το Αιγαίο και το Ιόνιο είναι τα μάτια της και τα αμέτρητα νησιά αποτελούν την ψυχή των ματιών της. Η ζωή είναι απλή, ήσυχη, φιλόξενη και δημιουργική, έτσι που μπορεί κανείς εύκολα να ζήσει εκεί.

Μοιάζει σαν παράδεισος, λένε.



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Students Feedback



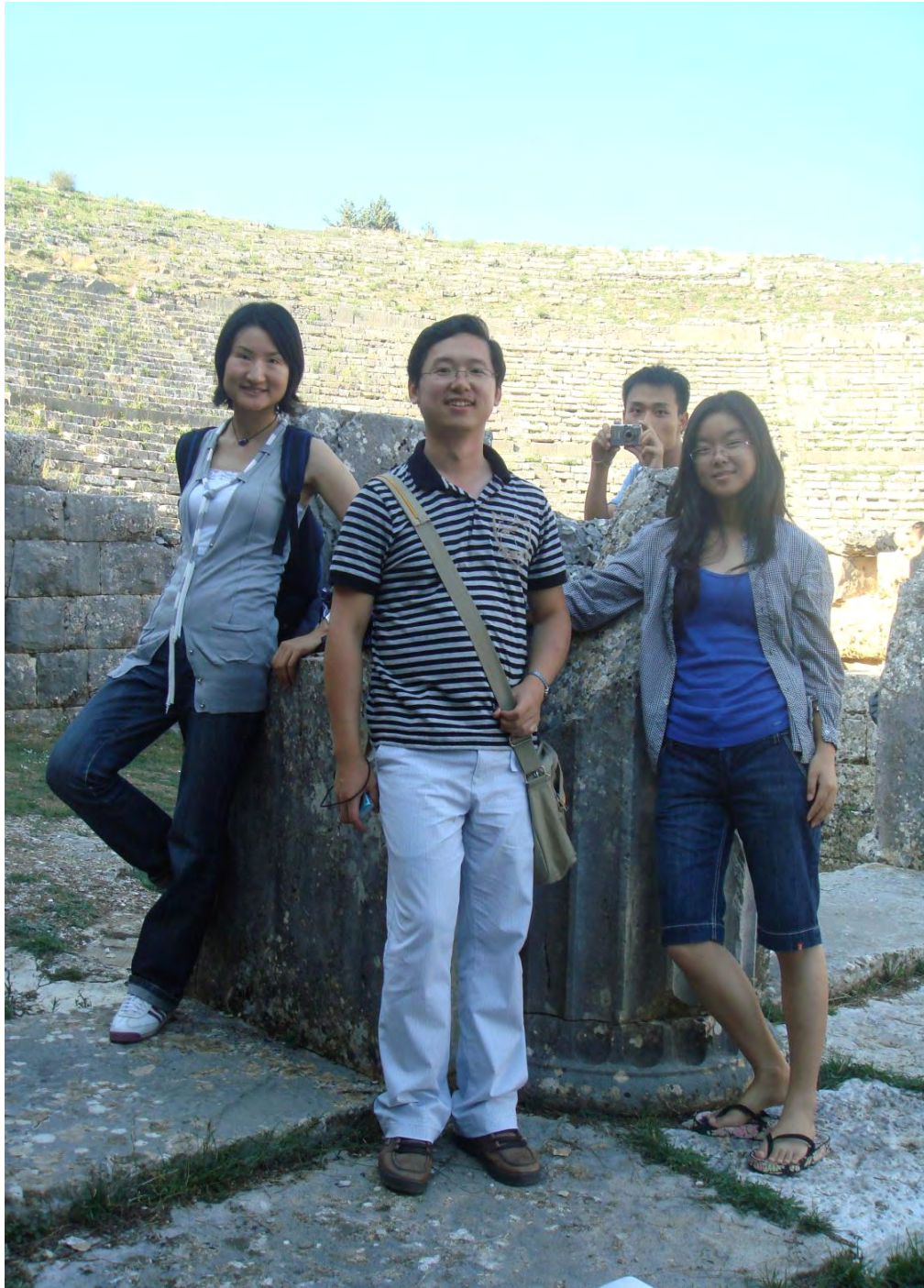
The courses are organized by:

- **Kapodistrian University of Athens**
- **Aristotle University of Thessaloniki**
- **University of Patras**
- **University of Crete**
- **Institute of Economic and Cultural action
Greece - China**

The summer course of 17 days only charges 21,000 RMB , which covers almost everything:

- Tuition fee for lectures given by professors
 - Domestic Transportation
 - Accommodation fee (3-4 stars hotels) in double room
 - All the meals during the trip
 - Entry tickets for site-seeing
 - Professional tourist guide
 - Travel insurance
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- Air tickets Beijing-Athens-Beijing and VISA fee are not included

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Thank You!
谢谢!
Ευχαριστούμε!