

- c) The Athens Offices of the Touring Club of Greece: 12, Polytechniou St. Tel: 54 86 00 and 54 08 54. Also at all branch offices of the Touring Club.
- d) The box - offices at the Theatre of Epidavros, on the day of each performance or on previous performance days.
- e) The Offices of Olympic Airways at Nauplion, 2 Leoforos Bouboulinas St. Tel: (0752) 27 456 & 28 054.

A detailed programme of the Epidavria Festival, which includes an outline of the plays in Greek, English, French and German is priced at Drs 25 and is obtainable at all the above offices, and at the Theatre of Epidavros. Children under the age of 10 are not allowed into the Theatre.

Organized Excursions

Travel agents and the Touring Club of Greece organize excursions to the Epidavria Festival in all the big towns of the country.

FESTIVAL OF THASSOS AND PHILIPPI

The State Theatre of Northern Greece was founded in 1961. Since then it has annually presented a series of performances of Classical Drama at the ancient theatres of Thassos and Philippi. To date, some 25 tragedies and comedies have been presented at both theatres with great success.

ANCIENT THEATRE OF PHILIPPI

19 July - 3 August

State Theatre of Northern Greece

Performances start at 21.00 hrs

PROGRAMME

Saturday 19 July, Sunday 20 July
ANGELOS SIKELIANOS: «The Death of Digenis»
Saturday 26 July, Sunday 27 July
SOPHOCLES: «Electra»
Saturday 2 August, Sunday 3 August
MENANDER: «Dyscolos» (The Curmudgeon) and «Samia»
Tickets: Drs 50, 30. Students Drs 25, 15

ANCIENT THEATRE OF THASSOS

13 July - 6 August

State Theatre of Northern Greece

Performances start at 21.00 hrs

PROGRAMME

Sunday 13 July, Wednesday 6 August
MENANDER: «Dyscolos» (The Curmudgeon) and «Samia»
Tickets: Drs 50, 30. Students Drs 25, 15

Information - Tickets

Tickets may be obtained from:

- a) The box - office of the State Theatre of Northern Greece: 2, Vassilisis Sofias, Thessaloniki. Tel: (031) 22 37 85 & 27 49 10. Opening hours: 09.30 - 14.00 and 18.00 - 21.30 daily.
- b) The Tourist Pavilion of the N.T.O.G., at Kavala. Tel: (051) 22 425 & 23 339. Opening hours: 09.30 - 14.00 and 18.00 - 21.00 daily.
- c) Special box - office on the pier, by the port of Thassos. Opening hours: 09.30 - 14.00 and 18.00 - 21.00 daily.
- d) The box - offices at the theatres of Philippi and Thassos, on day of performance. Opening hours: 18.00 - 20.30.

FESTIVAL OF DODONI

ANCIENT THEATRE OF DODONI

State Theatre of Northern Greece

Performances start at 21.00 hrs

PROGRAMME

Saturday 2 August, Sunday 3 August
SOPHOCLES: «Electra»

Information

The Society for Epirote Studies, IOANNINA. Tel: (0651) 25 497 & 25 233.

OLYMPUS FESTIVAL

CASTLE OF PLATAMON

State Theatre of Northern Greece

Performances start at 21.00 hrs
Saturday 2 August, Sunday 3 August
ANGELOS SIKELIANOS: «The Death of Digenis»
Tickets: Drs 50, 30. Students Drs 25, 15

ANCIENT THEATRE OF DION (OLYMPUS)

State Theatre of Northern Greece

Performances start at 21.00 hrs
Saturday 16 August, Sunday 17 August
SOPHOCLES: «Electra»
Tickets: Drs 50, 30. Students Drs 25, 15

THE DIMITRIA FESTIVAL OF THESSALONIKI

OCTOBER

Concerts - Drama - Opera - Ballet

Information

Offices of the National Tourist Organisation of Greece (NTOG), 8, Platia Aristotelous. Tel: (031) 22 570 & 271 888.

ATHENS SOUND AND LIGHT ILLUMINATIONS THE ACROPOLIS FROM PNYX HILL

1 April - 31 October

PROGRAMME

IN ENGLISH: 21.00 - 21.45 (Daily)
IN FRENCH: 22.00 - 22.45 (Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday)
IN GERMAN: 22.00 - 22.45 (Tuesday, Friday)
N.B. There are no performances on full moon nights:
23, 24, 25, 26 April and May
21, 22, 23, 24 June and July
19, 20, 21, 22 August
18, 19, 20, 21 September and October
Tickets: Drs 50. Students Drs 25

Sale of Tickets:

- a) Athens Festival Office: 4 Stadiou St. (inside arcade). Tel: 32 21 459 & 32 23 111 (ext. 240).
- b) At box - offices outside the Theatre on-Pnyx Hill, on the night of performance.

RHODES SOUND AND LIGHT ILLUMINATIONS DIMOTIKOS KIPOS

(Public Gardens beside the Palace of the Grand Masters).

1 April - 31 October
Alternate performances in GREEK, ENGLISH, FRENCH, SWEDISH, GERMAN.
Tickets: Drs 50. Students Drs 25. Children Drs 10.

Sale of Tickets:

At the entrance to the premises. From 19.30 - 22.15 daily.

Information

Offices of the National Tourist Organisation of Greece (NTOG), Rhodes. Tel: (0241) 23 255 & 23 655. Also, Rhodes Tourist Police. Tel: (0241) 27 423.

WINE FESTIVALS

Greece is the birthplace of 'plumpie Bacchus with pink eyne', so it is only natural to expect a Wine Festival anywhere in this country to be a gathering place for goodtimers of all ages. Sparkling showers of native wines flow free

of charge and visitors soon join the fun. The entertainment includes dance music provided by popular rock bands as well as traditional greek dances. Greek dishes can be had on the premises at restaurants or tavernas.
All wines free of charge.

DAPHNI - ATHENS

12 July - 14 September
Daily from 19.00 to 01.00 hrs
Entrance: Drs 40 per person. For groups of over 20 persons: 30 Drs.
Tickets at entrance of Wine Festival grounds.

RHODES

5 July - 7 September
Daily from 19.00 to 01.00 hrs
Entrance: Drs 40 per person. For groups of over 20 persons: Drs 30.
Tickets at entrance of Wine Festival grounds.

ALEXANDROUPOLIS

12 July - 17 August
Daily from 19.00 to 24.00 hrs
Entrance: Drs 30.
Tickets at entrance of Wine Festival grounds.

DORA STRATOUE GREEK FOLK DANCES ATHENS - DORA STRATOUE THEATRE (PHILOPAPPOS HILL)

4 May - 30 September
Tickets: Drs 80, 60, 40.
Performances start at 22.15 daily.
Wednesdays and Sundays 20.15 and 22.15

Information

Tel: 32 24 861 (mornings)
Tickets & box - office Tel: 91 46 50 (evenings).

GREEK FOLK DANCES NELLY DIMOGLU RHODES - OLD TOWN THEATRE

June through to October
Tickets: Drs 70. Students Drs 35.
Performances start at 21.15 daily, except Saturdays.

Information - Tickets: Tel (0241) 20 157 - 27524

All programmes subject to alterations.

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ATHENS FESTIVAL

For sheer atmosphere few festivals can equal that of Athens. Seated below the ineffable Parthenon in the towering ranks of the Herod Atticus Theatre, on the slopes of the Acropolis, thousands of visitors each summer enter into the spirit of the Athens Festival - a major cultural event featuring Classical Drama, Music, Opera, and Ballet.

The theatre (Odeon), built by Herod Atticus in 161 A.D. as a memorial to his wife Regilla, is in the form of a Roman theatre of the time. Its stage was 1.10 cm high, and the stage backdrop (skene) consisted of three storeys decorated with Corinthian columns and arched or rectangular niches for statues. Possibly, a large semi-circular arcade girded the upper part of the auditorium. A cedar roof covered the theatre.

● Athens Festival, now in its twenty-first year, features various cultural events of high artistic merits, presented by groups of the international calibre. This season is giving us an exceptionally rich programme of orchestral and choral concerts, recitals, ballet performances, classical drama and Greek folk dances. The roster of names is as impressive as the programming, which aims at bringing together some of our highest cultural ideals, combining our classical heritage and modern Greek talent, whose presence is especially strong this year, with the European tradition.

SPECIAL ARTISTIC EVENTS

HEROD ATTICUS THEATRE

23 - 28 June
Performances start at 21.00 hrs.

The Royal Ballet of Covent Garden

Margot Fonteyn - Desmond Kelly - Lynn Seymour

PROGRAMME

23 - 24 June
SHOSTAKOVICH «Concerto» Soloist: Hillary Bell (Piano)
HEROLD «La Fille Mal Gardée» (Pas de deux)
MINKUS «Don Quixote» (Pas de deux)
BERLIOZ «Scène d'Amour» (From Romeo and Juliet)
MENDELSSOHN «A Midsummer Night's Dream»

25 - 26 June
ADAM «Giselle»
GLAZUNOV «Raymonda» Act III
27 - 28 June
CHOPIN «Les Sylphides» (excerpts)

PROKOFIEF «The Prodigal Son» (excerpts)
GLAZUNOV «Raymonda» Act III

WITH THE ORCHESTRA OF THE ATHENS FESTIVAL

Conductors: BARRY WORDSWORTH and COLIN METTERS
Tickets: Drs 450, 280, 150, 80. Students Drs 50

ATHENS FESTIVAL 1975

HEROD ATTICUS THEATRE

6 July - 14 September
Performances start at 21.00 hrs.

PROGRAMME

National Opera of Greece

6, 9, 13, 16 July
BERLIOZ: «The Condemnation of Faust»
Conductor: DIMITRIS CHORAFAS
Tickets: Drs 350, 250, 150, 70. Students Drs 20

Athens State Orchestra

7 July
Conductor: GIKA ZDRAVKOVITCH
Soloist: FRANCO MAZZIO ORMEZOWSKI (Violoncello)
Tickets: Drs 100, 80, 60, 40. Students Drs 20

Byzantine Oratio

17, 19 July
P. PETRIDIS: «Saint Paul»
Conductor: BYRON KOLASSIS
Taking part: Soloists, the Chorus and Orchestra of the Athens Festival conducted by MICHALIS VOURTSIS
Tickets: Drs 150, 120, 80, 50. Students Drs 25

Paris Symphony Orchestra

18, 20 July
Conductor: DANIEL BARENBOIM
Tickets: Drs 180, 140, 100, 60. Students Drs 30

Athens State Orchestra

21 July
Conductor: MILTIADIS KARYDIS
Taking part: The Chorus of the Oslo Philharmonic Society conducted by OSCAR RAUM
Soloists: FOFI SARANDOPOULOU, KIKI MORFONIOU
Tickets: Drs 200, 150, 100, 60. Students Drs 30

Arts Theatre

25, 26, 27 July
AESCHYLUS: «Seven Against Thebes»
Tickets: Drs 100, 70, 50, 30. Students Drs 20

Athens State Orchestra

28 July
Conductor: VAROUJAN KODJIAN
Soloist: YURY BOUKOFF (Piano)
Tickets: Drs 100, 80, 60, 40. Students Drs 20

Philharmonic Orchestra of the Moscow Stanislavski Theatre

29, 30 July
Conductor: DMITRI KITAYENKO
Soloist: VLADIMIR KRAINEV (Piano)
Tickets: Drs 180, 140, 100, 60. Students Drs 30

Ballet of the Moscow Stanislavsky Theatre

31 July, 1 August
TCHAIKOVSKY: «Swan Lake»
CHATCHATURIAN: «Gayanè»
STRAUSS: «Strauss Medley»
BIZET: «Variations»
With the PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA OF THE MOSCOW STANISLAVSKY THEATRE
Conductor: DMITRI KITAYENKO
Tickets: Drs 350, 250, 150, 70. Students Drs 40

Athens State Orchestra

4 August
Conductor: DIMITRIS CHORAFAS
Soloist: KYPRIANOS KATSARIS (Piano)
Tickets: Drs 100, 80, 60, 40. Students Drs 20

State Theatre of Northern Greece

7, 8, 9 August
ANGELOS SIKELIANOS: «The Death of Digenis»
Tickets: Drs 100, 70, 50, 30. Students Drs 50, 35, 25

Royal Philharmonic Orchestra of London

10, 11, 13 August
Conductor: COLIN DAVIS
Soloist: GINA BAHAUER (Piano 10/8),
MAURICE HASSON (Violin 11/8),
VASO DEVETZI (Piano 13/8).
Tickets: Drs 180, 140, 100, 60. Students Drs 30

National Theatre of Greece

16, 17 August
PANTELIS PREVELAKIS: «Lazarus»
Tickets: Drs 100, 70, 50, 30. Students Drs 50, 35, 25

Athens State Orchestra

18 August
Conductor: MICHEL PLASSON

Soloist: MSTISLAV ROSTROPOVICH (Violoncello)
Tickets: Drs 200, 150, 100, 60. Students Drs 30

National Theatre of Greece

23, 24 August
ARISTOPHANES: «Clouds»
Tickets: Drs 100, 70, 50, 30. Students Drs 50, 35, 25

Prague National Opera Ballet

26 August
PROKOFIEF: «Romeo and Juliet»
27 August
DELDEVEZ: «Paquita» (excerpts)
MINKUS: «Bajadera»
PUGNI: «Pas des quatre»
ADAMI: «Genesis»
BEETHOVEN: «Symphony No. 7» (Allegretto)
WITH THE ORCHESTRA OF THE PRAGUE NATIONAL OPERA
Conductors: FRANTISEK VAJNAR, BOHUMIL GREGOR
Tickets: Drs 350, 250, 150, 70. Students Drs 40

Prague National Opera

28, 29 August
MARTINU: «Greek Passion» (from the book «Christ Recrucified» by N. Kazantzakis)
Conductor: JOSEPH KUCHINKA
30, 31 August
MOZART: «Abduction from the Seraglio»
Conductor: PETR JONAS
Tickets: Drs 350, 250, 150, 70. Students Drs 40

National Theatre of Greece

6, 7 September
SOPHOCLES: «Oedipus at Colonus»
Tickets: Drs 100, 70, 50, 30. Students Drs 50, 35, 25

Thessaloniki State Orchestra

8 September
Conductor: GEORGE THYMIS
Soloist: BRUNO LEONARDO GELBER
Tickets: Drs 100, 80, 60, 40. Students Drs 20

National Theatre of Greece

13, 14 September
SOPHOCLES: «Antigone»
Tickets: Drs 100, 70, 50, 30. Students Drs 50, 35, 25

Information - Tickets

Tickets may be obtained from:
a) Athens Festival Offices: 4 Stadiou St. (inside arcade).

Tel: 32 21 459 & 32 23 111 (ext. 240).
Weekdays: 08.30' - 13.30' and 18.00' - 20.30'
Sundays and holidays: 09.00' - 13.00'.

- b) Box - offices at Herod Atticus Theatre on night of performance.
Opening hours: 18.30' to 21.00'. Tel: 32 32 771 ; 32 23 111 (ext. 137).
- c) For performances given by the National Theatre of Greece tickets may also be obtained from the box - office at the National Theatre, Aghiou Konstantinou & Menandrou Sts. Tel: 52 32 42. (Daily from 08.30' - 13.30' and 18.00' - 20.00'. Sundays and holidays: 09.00' - 13.00').
- d) For performances given by the National Opera of Greece tickets may also be obtained from the box - office at Olympia Theatre, 57 Academias St. Tel: 61 24 61. (Daily from 09.00' - 13.30' and 18.00' - 20.00'. Sundays and holidays: 09.00' - 13.00').
A general programme, listing performances in the Athens Festival, including an outline of the plays in Greek is priced at Drs 40.
A similar programme in English, French and German, is also available at Drs 40. It can be obtained from all box - offices and at the Herod Atticus Theatre.
Children under the age of 10 are not allowed in the Theatre.

EPIDAVROS FESTIVAL

The Epidavria Festival of Greek Drama began in 1954. By the following year it was established as a tradition scrupulously re-created annually by Greece's venerable National Theatre. The impeccable standards of its performances have now earned this eagerly anticipated event a world-wide reputation. Every weekend during the Epidavria thousands of visitors arrive at this permanent landmark of cultural attainment imbued with that happy spirit of adventure that is also what a summer festival is all about.

The vast open-air Theatre, built in the 4th century B.C. by Polycleitus (the younger), has a seating capacity of 14,000. The prevailing serenity of a green and unspoilt landscape, and the Theatre's unique acoustics lend themselves most effectively to the lyric elements of the classical dramas enacted on its circular stage, making the audience feel they are participating in an unforgettable sacred ritual.

For the first time in its 21 years the Epidavria Festival will include in its programme such well-known Greek theatrical companies as the State Theatre of Northern Greece and the Arts Theatre.

How to get there

By road the distance from Athens to Ancient Epidavros is 178 kms (via Corinth and Nauplion), and 20 kms from Old Epidavros, on the coast. The newly constructed highway, which leads from the Isthmus at Corinth to Epidavros, now makes the drive from Athens even shorter (154 kms). Travel agents and excursion clubs combine visits to the Theatre during the Festival with sightseeing tours to the archaeological sites of Ancient Epidavros (the Asclepion, Tholos, Guest Quarters, Hostelry, Stadium, etc.), as well as others in the Argolis, including swimming possibilities at Kinetta, Nauplion, Tolo, and Old Epidavros, among others.

Special measures, adopted by the organisers of the Festival, facilitate the flow of traffic. Ample parking space is also available near the Theatre, as well as good meals in the Tourist Pavilion, and the nearby towns and villages.

ANCIENT THEATRE OF EPIDAVROS

6 July - 17 August

- National Theatre of Greece (6 July - 3 August)
Performances start at 21.15 hrs
- State Theatre of Northern Greece (9, 10 August)
Performances start at 21.00 hrs
- Arts Theatre (16, 17 August)
Performances start at 21.00 hrs

PROGRAMME

Sunday 6 July
SOPHOCLES: «Oedipus at Colonus»
Saturday 12 July, Sunday 13 July
EURIPIDES: «Trojan Women»
Saturday 19 July, Sunday 20 July
EURIPIDES: «Bacchae»
Saturday 26 July, Sunday 27 July
ARISTOPHANES: «Lysistrata»
Saturday 2 August, Sunday 3 August
SOPHOCLES: «Oedipus at Colonus»
Saturday 9 August, Sunday 10 August
SOPHOCLES: «Electra»
Saturday 16 August, Sunday 17 August
ARISTOPHANES: «Birds»
Tickets: Drs 100, 70, 40. Upper Circle Drs 20

Information - Tickets

Bookings from 15 June.
Tickets may be obtained from:

- a) Box - office at the National Theatre: Aghiou Konstantinou & Menandrou Sts. Tel: 52 32 42
b) Athens Festival Office: 4 Stadiou St. (inside arcade). Tel: 32 21 459 ; 32 23 111 (ext. 240).