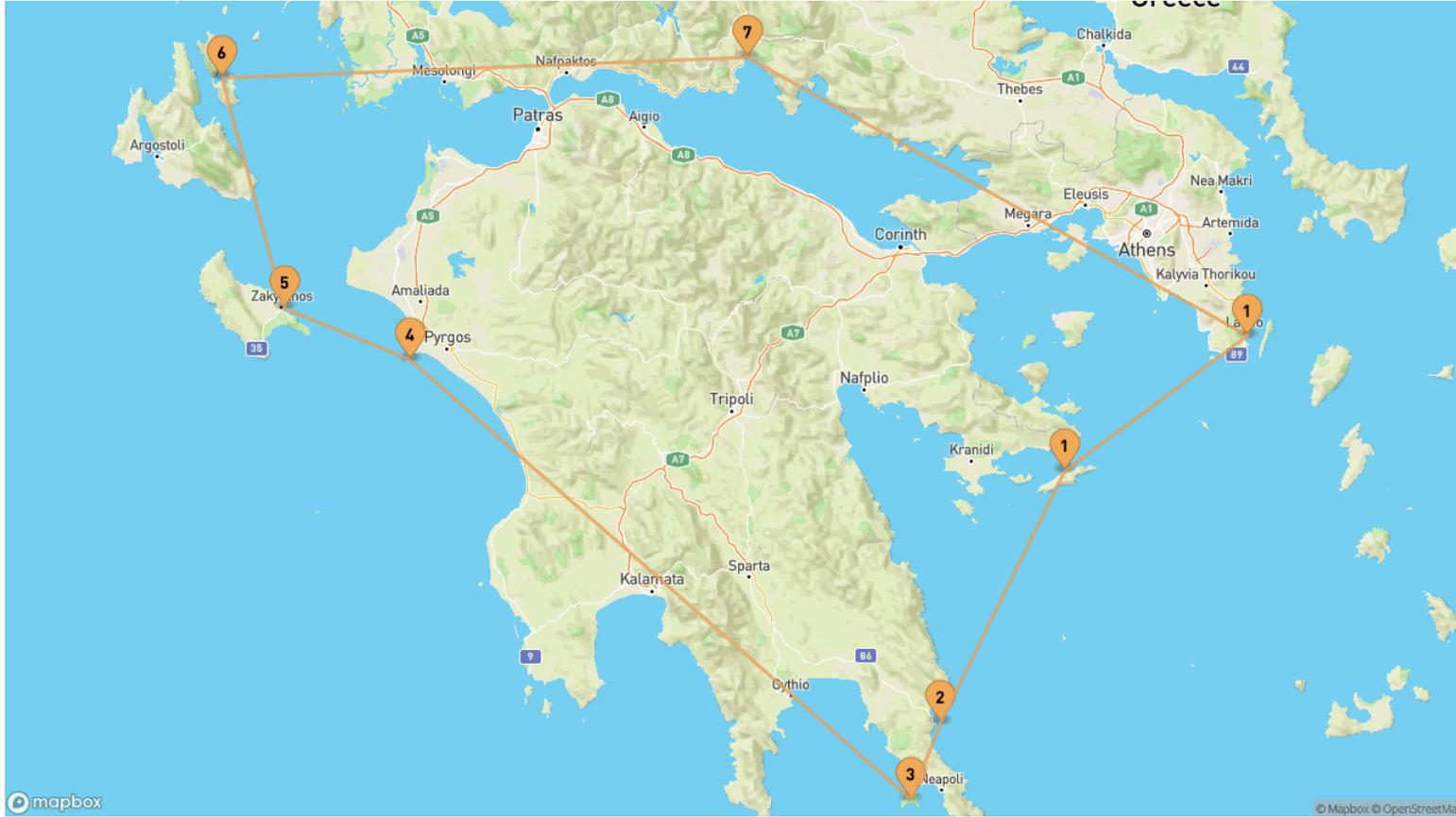




Ancient Paths Cruise

Steeped in awe-inspiring ancient civilization, filled with history, wisdom, myths and passions, the route around the Peloponnese, Ithaca and beyond is a captivating journey.

- Regions / Countries: **Greece**
- Duration: **8 Days / 7 Nights**
- Tags: **Mainland port, Town, Island, Village**
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Day 1



[Greece / Lavrion](#)

Mainland port, Town

Lavrion port is a major hub for ferries and cruise ships that connect Athens with the Cyclades islands. It is situated on the southeastern coast of Attica, and it offers easy access to popular destinations like Kea, Kythnos, and Serifos. The harbor is equipped with modern facilities and services, such as cafes, restaurants, and shops, as well as a marina for private yachts. Lavrion is also known for its rich history and cultural heritage, as it was an important center of silver mining and naval trade in ancient times.



[Greece / Hydra](#)

Island

The first thing you see entering the harbor is plenty of white mansions and fortresses crowding up the mountain amphitheatrically. These are the 18th century houses of wealthy merchants, captains and shipowners from its glorified naval past.

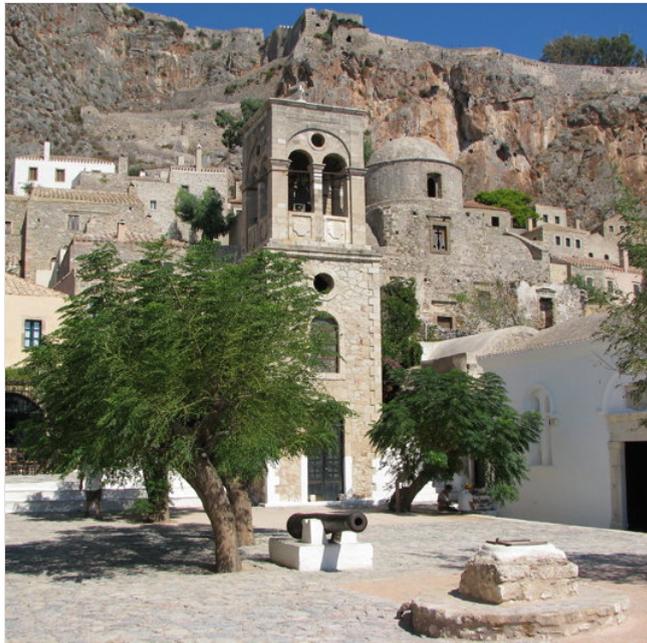
Day 2



[Greece / Monemvasia](#)

Island, Mainland port, Town, Village

Monemvasia is a Medieval Castle Town, exclusively carved on a huge rock looking as if it came down from a fairy tale.



[Monemvasia Old Town](#)

Castle

Get lost in the zigzagging alleys past castle Walls, among medieval mansions and 40 churches.

Day 3



[Greece / Elafonisos](#)

The port of Elafonisos is a picturesque destination located on the southern coast of the Peloponnese, renowned for its white-sand beaches, turquoise waters, and unspoiled natural beauty. With its laid-back atmosphere and range of activities and attractions, the port provides visitors with a unique and authentic experience of Greek island life. Whether you're interested in water sports, hiking, or simply relaxing on the beach, Elafonisos has something for everyone.



[Pavlopetri](#)

Diving

An underwater ancient city located off the coast of Elafonisos Island, with ruins dating back to the Neolithic period. Visitors can snorkel or dive to explore the ruins and learn about the fascinating history of this unique site.

Day 4



[Greece / Katakolo](#)

Mainland port

Katakolo is the port for the homeland of the Olympic Games.



[Olympia](#)

Historic, Architecture

Discover ruins of ancient Olympia – the homeland of Olympic Games

Day 5



[Greece / Zakynthos](#)

Venetians called Zakynthos the Flower of the East due to natural wonders: the Shipwreck beach, the arcade of blue caves, National Marine Park sheltering rare Caretta-Caretta turtles, thickets of cypresses, pine trees and olives and sugar-fine sand beaches. All this framed with sounds of mandolin kantades.



[Shipwreck beach](#)

Beach

Day 6



[Greece / Ithaca](#)

Island

Ithaca is dotted with exotic beaches, quaint villages and carpeted with lush greenery.



[Acropolis](#)

Historic, Architecture

Visit Odysseus's palace - Acropolis of Alalcomenae. Odysseus founded it on the strategic position of narrow isthmus between two parts of the island during the 6th century.

Day 7



[Greece / Itea](#)

Mainland port, Town

Delphi is the main goal of sailing to Itea's port. Delphi is the ancient sanctuary that grew rich and greatly influential as the seat of Pythia, the oracle who was consulted about important decisions throughout the ancient world.

Day 8



[Greece / Lavrion](#)

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