

“Ekdromi.” That’s how we Greeks say, “day trip.”

If you don’t have time to escape to the islands during you stay in Greece we encourage you take an *ekdromi*. Rent a car, take a scenic drive and in less than two hours you can spend the day at one of these beautiful towns near Athens.

Nafplio

Driving Time from Athens: less than 2 hours

The first capital of Greece is located in the Eastern Peloponnese. Its architecture has beautiful Frankish, Turkish and Venetian influences. Nafplio is a seaport town that sits on the coast of the Argolic Gulf and much of its old town sits on a peninsula that juts out into the sea. According to mythology, the town was founded by Nafplios, the son of god Poseidon and the daughter of Danaida.

On the way you can stop by Mykines which is a fascinating archaeological site dating back to the glorious ancient civilization of Myceane.



Epidavros

Driving Time from Athens: 1.5 hours

If you love ancient history, Epidavros is a must visit. The ancient Theatre of Epidaurus is world famous for its excellent condition and flawless acoustics.

Accomplished actors from all over the globe come just to perform here. The area also houses a major religious centre dedicated to Asklepios, the god of healing.

Also note that Nafplio and Epidavros can be combined together. They are quite close to each other. On the way you can also stop to take a photo by the Corinth Canal.



Delphi

Driving Time from Athens: 1.5 hours

Delphi sits on the southwestern slope of the breathtaking mountains of mount Parnassus. It was once the most important religious site of ancient Greece and it’s where the ancient Greeks worshipped Apollo. Today it is one of the most significant archeological sites in the country. We recommend you stop at Itea which is a beautiful seaside village famous for its fish restaurants.

