

## ACROPOLIS

A visit to the “Acropolis” is a pilgrimage to antiquity. It takes you back 2500 years, to the golden age of Pericles. The breathtaking view, from the five mountains that surround Athens, to the harbor of Piraeus and the Saronikos Bay, will captivate you. Walk through the ruins tracing the steps of Olympic gods and common people alike.

The Acropolis of Athens was both a fortress and a sanctuary, mainly for the worship of the protecting goddess Athena.

The monuments lying here today were built in the 5<sup>th</sup> century B.C., to celebrate the rise of the city-state of Athens to the zenith of its power. Phidias, Mnisicles, Iktinos, Kallikratis, were the most famous sculptors and architects of the time that undertook to create monuments that will remind people, down the centuries, of the glory of their city. And they succeeded. Because when you see the Parthenon, the Erechtheion, the temple of Apteros Niki (Wingless Victory) you realize that, submerged in the mystical aura of the ancient world, these monuments are the undisputed symbol of the emergence of western civilization.



