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2020 WORLD COMPANY SPORT GAMES ATHENS

Join the 3rd World Company Sport Games 2020 in the Olympic City of Athens, Greece!

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WORLD FEDERATION FOR COMPANY SPORT & HEALTH

The World Federation for Company Sport (WFCS) is a voluntary non-profit organization gathering national company sport or other federations involved with company sport from all continents.

These national federations are referent associations in their own countries to organize activities related to company sport.
Most of these federations' members are companies that differ in their size, form, and activity.

Company sport covers all types of sport and physical activities that can be organized by and within a company.

WFCS aims to promote the development of worldwide company sport.

www.worldcompanysport.org

HELLENIC ORGANIZATION FOR COMPANY SPORT AND HEALTH

HOCSH (Hellenic Organization for Company Sport & Health) is a non-profit organization that aims to bring together companies, employees, sport organizations, other NGOs and the society by facilitating social exchange and health improvement through sport and recreational activities within the company environment.

HOCSH is the authorized Hellenic member of the WFCS (World Company Sport Games) and EFCS (European Federation for Company Sport) and operates under its auspices facilitating the participation of Hellenic Company teams in International Sport events.

HOCSH has an annual calendar of multiple events and actions attracting thousands of participants.

The Hellenic Company Sport Games is the most significant company sports event in Greece.

HOCSH members have the opportunity to participate in European and International Games and Tournaments - EFCS & WFCS Company Sport Games.

www.hocsh.org

Foreword

WFCS and company sport purpose and activities are today clearly related to a need expressed by both the employees and employers. Whether it is for social issues, management, corporate culture, networking, productivity or health, the positive impact of physical activity within the workplace is now recognized. World Company Sport Games are now the symbol and major star product to promote the development of company sport.
From 17th to 21st June 2020, Athens will be the host for the third World Company Sport Games. A new important step in the recent history of the Games, in the historical ground of the first Olympic Games and a few years after the 2004 Athens Olympic Games edition.
The choice of the city of Athens and Greece was based on an exemplary application. The total involvement of the city, associations and sports sector as well as the tourism and economic industry, guarantee us that everything will be done to host you in perfect conditions. Athens and Greece, one of the most inspirational and magnificent places in Europe and the World, benefit from accommodation infrastructures that will guarantee you a wide range of choice as well as a high number of quality sport facilities that will enable you to practice sport in perfect conditions. So confident and enthusiastic, I warmly invite you to come to Athens in 2020 for great moments of friendliness, fair play and sport performance.

Didier Besseyre
WFCS President

Welcome to Greece, welcome to Athens!

We are excited to have you join us for the prestigious WCSG 2020 event. Greece is the birthplace of Democracy and the Olympic Games. Athens has been twice the proud host of the modern Olympic Games of 1896 and 2004 and is now ready to welcome back the ideals of sporting excellence, respect and fair contest in the same spirit.
The ancient Greeks paid a strong emphasis on living a healthy lifestyle, starting the Olympic Games as a way of demonstrating their fitness. The proverb "Νοῦς ὑγιὴς ἐν σώματι ὑγιεῖ", "a sound mind is in a sound body" could not be of more relevance in our modern societies characterized with an ever more stressful work-culture.
It is a great privilege for us to be organizing this unique global event bringing together athletes and companies from across the world, preserving and disseminating the values of our forefathers to companies and the corporate environment.
It is the first time that the WCSG are hosted in an Olympic city and that alone is a stepping stone in the young history of this international event. We have compiled an exclusive experience for athletes, allocating the state-of-the-art Olympic Facilities of Athens 2004 combined with outstanding organization and wide-ranging events for a memorable stay.
I wish you an unforgettable trip in this fascinating city and country that will reward you with its hospitality, rich history and Mediterranean climate.

NIkos Kerassovitis
HOCSH President

The Games

3rd WORLD COMPANY SPORT GAMES

We are proud to host the third edition of the World Company Sport Games that will take place in Athens, Greece from 17th to 21st June 2020!

The Company Sport's heart will be beating in Athens uniting companies and people from 5 continents, demonstrating in the process the beneficial effects of company sport, whilst carrying a strong message to the whole world:

"Company sport is not just a sport event: It's a need!"

Following two successful editions of the World Company Sport Games in 2016 and 2018, in Palma de Mallorca and La Baule respectively that welcomed thousands of athletes from across the world, Athens is ready to welcome back companies and competitors that take part repeatedly in the games and inspire new ones to also participate in this vibrant event.

28 SPORT DISCIPLINES IN OLYMPIC VENUES

The Olympic Athletic Center of Athens – OACA, the Official Sports Venue of the Olympic Games 2004, will proudly host the World Company Sport Games 2020! Participants will have the opportunity to compete at the unique facilities of the Olympic Athletic Center of Athens and at other specially selected athletic venues.

The Organizing Committee of the 3rd World Company Games will host the Opening Ceremony in the "Panathenaic Stadium", the historical stadium that hosted the first modern Olympic Games in Athens 1896, providing a unique experience to the participants. The Closing Ceremony and Every Day events will be hosted in a festive atmosphere in the "National Gymnastics Club - Ethnikos Athinon".

GREECE, BIRTHPLACE OF OLYMPIC GAMES

For the first time in the history of the World Company Games, participants will compete in one of the most prestigious and globally acknowledged sports centers that showcases the best of the Greek Olympic Heritage!

Surrounded by a lining of stunning seas and mountains, this safe and travel-friendly city is filled with treasures just waiting to be discovered: renowned archeological sites, modern and classical art museums and galleries, spas, chic shops, restaurants and bars, street markets and bazaars, open-air cinemas, sandy beaches, picturesque Greek islands in close proximity and 300 sun-drenched days.

Sport Disciplines

We are very proud to provide a wide range of sports, with 28 disciplines, that cover the needs, tastes and athletic abilities of all participants.

Join the sport festival to discover them, watch companies from across the world unite and live an unforgettable experience!

- Archery
- Arm Wrestling
- Badminton
- Basketball
- Beach Volleyball
- Bowling
- Bridge
- Chess
- Darts
- Football (F5, F7, F11)
- Golf
- Handball
- Kettlebell
- Petanque - Bowls
- Rugby-7
- Shooting
- Squash
- Swimming
- Table Tennis
- Tennis
- Track & Field
- Volleyball
- Paralympic Disciplines

Archery

Olympic Athletic Center of Athens

Individual and Team tournament

Categories
- Men Open: Classical bow, Compound bow, Bare bow
- Women Open: Classical bow, Compound bow, Bare bow

All teams consist of 3 players - 30m contest

Basketball

Olympic Athletic Center of Athens
Galatsi Olympic Hall

Team Tournament

Categories
5V5: All teams consist of up to 12 players
- Men open
- Men 40+
- Women open

3V3: All teams consist of 3-4 players
- Open mixed

Arm Wrestling

Galatsi Olympic Hall

Team Tournament

Beach Volleyball

Varkiza Beach in Athens Riviera

Team Tournament

Categories
- Men Open:
  A team consists of 2 players
- Women Open:
  A team consists of 2 players

Badminton

Olympic Athletic Center of Athens

Team Tournament
Categories
- Mixed Open:
  A team consists of 3-6 players
- Mixed 40+:
  A team consists of 4-8 players

Bowling

Strike Bowling Sporting Club 2

Team Tournament

Categories
Open: A team consists of 4 players

Bridge

Olympic Athletic Center of Athens

Team Tournament

Categories
• Open: All teams consist of 2 players

Chess

Olympic Athletic Center of Athens

Team Tournament with the Swiss racing system

Darts

Olympic Athletic Center of Athens

Individual and Team Tournament

Categories
• Men Open
• Women Open

Football 5

Veikou Park Grove

Team Tournament

Categories
• Men Open:
A team consists of 5-10 players

Football 7

Athletic Football Center AFC

Team Tournament

Categories
• Men Open:
A team consists of 7-12 players
• Women Open:
A team consists of 7-12 players

Football 11

Hellenic American Educational Foundation

Team Tournament

Categories
• Men Open:
A team consists of 11-17 players

Golf

Navarino Dunes

Team Tournament

Categories
- Men Open
- Women Open

Three Categories by Handicap:
A Category: 0 - 14
B Category: 15 - 25
C Category: 26-36

Petanque-Bowls

Olympic Athletic Center of Athens

Team Tournament

Categories
- Open double: A team consists of 2 players
- Open triple: A team consists of 3 players

Handball

Olympic Athletic Center of Athens

Individual and Team Tournament

Categories
- Men Open: A team consists of 7-14 players
- Women Open: A team consists of 7-14 players

Rugby

Olympic Athletic Center of Athens

Team Tournament

Categories
- Men Open: A team consists of 7-14 players
- Women Open: A team consists of 7-14 players

Shooting

Byron's Shooting Range

Individual Tournament

Categories
- Men Open
- Women Open

Kettlebell

Olympic Athletic Center of Athens

Individual Tournament

Categories
- Men Open
- Women Open

Biathlon
Long Cycle

Squash

Athens Lawn Tennis Club

Individual Tournament

Categories
- Men Open
- Women Open

Swimming

Olympic Athletic Center of Athens

Individual and Relay Competitions in 25m pool

Categories
- Men
- Women

Age Classes:
Class A (18+), Class B (30+), Class C (40+), Class D (50+), Class E (60+)

Track & Field

Olympic Athletic Center of Athens

Individual & Relay Competitions

Categories
- Men
- Women

Age Classes:
Class A (18+), Class B (30+), Class C (40+), Class D (50+), Class E (60+)

100m – 200m – 400m – 800m – 1500m – 5km – 10km – 4x100m – Long Jump – High Jump –Shot put

Table Tennis

Veikou Park Grove

Individual and Team Tournament

Categories
- Men Open
- Men 40+
- Women Open

Volleyball

Hellenic American Educational Foundation

Team Tournament

Categories
- Men Open:
A team consists of 6-12 players
- Women Open:
A team consists of 6-12 players
- Mixed Open:
A team consists of 3 women & 3 men

Tennis

Olympic Athletic Center of Athens

Team Tournament

Categories
- Men 40+
- Women Open
- Women 40+
- Mixed Open
- Mixed 40+

Paralympic Discipline

Olympic Athletic Center of Athens
Galatsi Olympic Hall

Individual Tournament

Categories
- Men Open
- Women Open

Track and Field, Swimming, Petanque-Bowls, Archery

Venues

Athletes of the 3rd WCSG will have the unique opportunity to compete for the first time in renowned sport complexes, glorious sports symbols and indispensable parts of Greece's Olympic legacy.

Olympic Athletic Center of Athens

Costa Navarino

Athens Lawn Tennis Club

Athletic Football Center AFC

Byron's Shooting Range (Vironas)

Galatsi Olympic Hall

Hellenic American Educational Foundation

Sporting Club 2 (Bowling)

Strike Bowling

Varkiza Beach in Athens Riviera

Veikou Park Grove

OLYMPIC ATHLETIC CENTER OF ATHENS

The Olympic Athletic Center of Athens, also known as OACA, is one of the most complete European athletic complexes.

The Main Olympic Stadium is a modern facility, which provides athletes with all the latest amenities. It also includes areas for all the staff that is necessary for organizing major athletic and cultural events. The construction of the Stadium was completed in in 1982.

The famous roof, designed by the world-known architect Santiago Calatrava, was added for the Athens 2004 Olympic Games.

Inspired by the model of the ancient Greek meeting place, the Agora is a vaulted, modular structure of light steel, which runs in an arc along the northern edge of the Common Domain, alongside a dual band of water and trees. Enclosing a pedestrian arcade of some 18.600 m^2 (200.000 sf), the Agora provides a pleasantly shady shelter, with fresh air, for the path and facilities within.

The Nations Wall is a sculpture made of tubular steel. Designed so that it can move mechanically in a wavelike motion, the monumental sculpture is 250m (820ft) long by 20m (66ft). It is designed so that it could serve as a giant screen for projections.

COSTA NAVARINO

Costa Navarino is steadily raising its profile as a prime, sustainable destination in the Mediterranean by additionally offering a world-class golf experience on the first two signature golf courses in Greece. Its credentials are impressive: Two 18-hole signature courses in idyllic settings next to two of the finest golf resorts in Greece, five-star hotels and outstanding resort facilities, a virtually endless choice of other sports and activities, plus great weather all year round... to name just a few. With everything from shoes and buggies to full sets of golf clubs available for hire, golfers can select an amazing golf package for their golf breaks in Greece and test their skills while enjoying their holidays at the ultimate golf resort.

THE DUNES COURSE

The impressive seaside Dunes Course is the first signature-designed golf course in Greece, set in a diverse natural landscape with spectacular sea and river views. Measuring 6,581 yards, this award-winning18-hole course has been designed to provide an exciting challenge to all golfers in an enchanting environment of lush olive groves, undulating greens and wide fairways.

THE BAY COURSE

The second signature golf course in Greece, the Bay Course, is situated just a short walk from Navarino Dunes and offers an alternative golfing experience in a different landscape. This 18-hole seaside course meanders through three natural landscapes - Seaside, Canyon and Grove - providing striking contrasts and views of the sea and mountains for a truly memorable golfing experience.

ATHENS LAWN TENNIS CLUB

The Athens Lawn Tennis Club has a history of more than 120 years! It was honored to host the tennis sport in the first modern Olympic Games (1986) and in the Middle-Olympiad (1906) in his sports facilities.

2 Leof. Vasilissis Olgas, 105 57 Athens

ATHLETIC FOOTBALL CENTER AFC

Founded in 2002, the aim of the AFC is to create a place for entertainment and sports for football fans.

9 Epifilis, Chalandri, 152 32 Athens

BYRON'S SHOOTING RANGE

The first Pan-Hellenic Air Force and Firearms Shooting Games in 2014 took place at Byron's Shooting Range.

Vironas, 162 33 Athens

GALATSI OLYMPIC HALL

The Galatsi Olympic Hall was the site of table tennis and rhythmic gymnastics at the 2004 Olympic Games.

137 Leof. Veikou, Galatsi, 111 46 Athens

HELLENIC AMERICAN EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

The Stefanos Delta Stadium in the Psichico campus of Athens College was inaugurated in 1954 with state-of-the-art facilities at the time (track and field, sport courts etc.).

15 Stefanou Delta, Psichiko, 154 52 Athens

SPORTING CLUB 2

111 Leof. Andrea Siggrou, 117 45 Athens

STRIKE BOWLING

Leof. Athinon 336, Chaidari 124 62

In both entertainment halls visitors can have fun by playing bowling, billiards (American & French) & ping pong.

VARKIZA BEACH IN ATHENS RIVIERA

At Varkiza Beach, apart from relaxation and a wide gastronomic selection you will also find a range of activities such as: beach tennis, beach volley, free aqua aerobic and fitness events, as well as water sports.

Varkiza Coast, 166 72 Athens

VEIKOU PARK GROVE

A green park of 256 acres, Veikou Park Grove is an all-sport inclusive venue in terms of sports infrastructure and facilities, offering basketball courts, tennis, volleyball, football field, 5x5 pitch, swimming pool, track & field, skating rink and multi-purpose indoor gym where major sporting events are hosted.

Galatsi, 111 47 Athens

Events

The Organizing Committee of the 3rd WCSG is hosting the Opening Ceremony in the Panathenaic Stadium, the most historical stadium worldwide, providing a unique experience to the participants!

The Closing Ceremony and Every Day Events will be held in the “National Gymnastics Club - Ethnikos Athinon” in a festive atmosphere!

OPENING CEREMONY • CLOSING CEREMONY

OPENING CEREMONY

Elegance and timeless charm at the Panathenaic Stadium

All the athletes from country-members of the World Federation of Company Sports will participate in a magnificent parade during the Opening Ceremony of the Games. A grandiose festival in a venue proclaimed as the cradle of sports on a global basis. The Panathenaic Stadium is the classical cultural and touristic monument of Greece and one of the most significant monuments not only for Athens, but for the whole Greece. Its rich history is directly connected to the Modern Olympic Games as of their revival in 1896 until the Athens Olympic Games in 2004. It is also the place from where the Olympic flame begins its journey to the cities of the Olympic Games, both Winter, Summer and Youth.

It was in the Panathenaic Stadium that the Olympic Hymn was heard for the first time, with lyrics by poet Costis Palamas and music by composer Spyros Samaras. Throughout the twentieth century the Panathenaic Stadium hosted diverse events, among them pan-Hellenic and international games. In the Athens 2004 Olympic Games, the Panethenaic Stadium hosted the sport discipline of Archery and was the finishing line of the Marathon race, featuring emotion-packed moments and unique experiences for spectators and viewers from all over the world. A creation of the Athenians, as its name proudly proclaims, the Panathenaic Stadium has been the venue for noble competition and fair play, of mind and of body, since Antiquity.

CLOSING CEREMONY AND EVERY DAY EVENTS

Closing Ceremony & Every Day Events in a festive atmosphere in the “National Gymnastics Club - Ethnikos Athinon”!

The closing ceremony and a full parallel program of events and activities will boost the festive atmosphere throughout the games, offering participants and escorts the true feeling of the modern Athens vibes.

In the heart of Athens, next to Zappeion Megaron and between Panathenaic Stadium and the columns of the Temple of the Olympian Zeus, there is a unique space surrounded by green areas that will accommodate the Closing Ceremony and Every Day Events. Overlooking the Acropolis and the Ardittos Hill these events will be unforgettable!

Greece

During your stay in the heart of Greece, Athens, you have the unique opportunity to visit idyllic destinations in beautiful Peloponnese and the surrounding regions.

Athens • Peloponnese • Other destinations

ATHENS

Surrounded by a lining of stunning seas and mountains, this safe and travel-friendly city is filled with treasures just waiting to be discovered: renowned archeological sites, modern and classical art museums and galleries, spas, chic shops, restaurants and bars, street markets and bazaars, open-air cinemas, sandy beaches, picturesque Greek islands in close proximity and 300 sun-drenched days.

ARTS & CULTURE

The city's rich classical tradition and its geographical location - at the crossroads of cultures - have always lent it a formidable platform for artistic expression. That high regard for the arts continues today, with a mushrooming of modern innovations. Every year, the city's cultural calendar presents exhibits and festivals of international scope, original productions and notable artistic happenings.

SIGHTSEEING

Athens takes the fuss out of sightseeing. It is a user-friendly town thanks to the pleasant demeanor of the English-speaking Athenians and the easy to use and manageable transportation system. The visitor can see a lot in one day. Archaeological Sites & Classical Greek Monuments, Byzantine Monuments & Ottoman Monuments, Museums, Art Galleries, street performances, festivals. For all people visiting Athens, the Acropolis remains a "must see", along with Panathenaic Stadium for the sport's side of ancient history.

THE ACROPOLIS - THE PARTHENON

A monument that constitutes the symbol of Greece worldwide, stands on the "sacred rock" of Athens, the Acropolis. The Parthenon, a marble temple dedicated to Goddess Athena, along with the other monuments of the Acropolis, are all excellent pieces of art, reflecting the Classical period and the Golden Age of ancient Athens in the 5th and 4th centuries B.C.

PANATHENAIC STADIUM

Originally built in the 4th century B.C. for the athletic competitions of the Great Panathinaia (ancient Greek festivities), the Panathenaic Stadium took its final form during its most recent restoration at the end of the 19th century. It is made of marble and the Greeks also call it "Kallimarmaron" (meaning "made of beautiful marble"). It was the venue for the first modern Olympic Games, in 1896.
Do not forget that Athens is one of the few European cities where you can visit a museum during the day and jet off to a nearby island at night.

GETTING AROUND

A state-of-the-art metro system, wide avenues, an efficient public transportation system and a compact city center, all make moving around Athens easy and convenient. The Athens transportation network now includes new buses, pollution-free trolleys, tram and a revamped electric railway system that connects to two metro lines. Piraeus's port, in short distance from the Athens city center, serves national and international sea lines. The modern highways make driving to and from the city, a pleasant experience.

GASTRONOMY

Gourmet and traditional Greek cuisine in the past decade, has become one of the most popular in the world as it has been proven to provide a flavorful healthy and balanced diet. Culinary aficionados are encouraged to delight in the myriad of sophisticated restaurants that boast tastes and interiors inspired from all parts of the world. The local and traditional outdoor seaside taverns and cafes are plentiful and a cultural mainstay.

SHOPPING

Shopping in Athens, a showcase for its traditional and modern culture and lifestyle, can be a fascinating and satisfying experience for all. Amidst the many well-known international name brand outposts and traditional Greek art and folklore shops, are hundreds of chic boutiques and specialty stores blossoming with great fashion finds for every taste and budget. Make sure to stop in at one of the many wonderful year-round outdoor cafés and restaurants to make your experience of shopping in the Athenian way, complete!

SEA & SUN

Athens is the only European city surrounded by pristine beaches, where you can swim for many months during the year. Visit a beach in Athens and you are likely to feel like you're on a Greek island, as you are greeted with stretches of crystal sands, fine pebbles and breathtaking, blue clean waters. Some beaches boast barren rocks and cliffs that carve caves and coves you can explore. Other beaches have floating bars, music and seaside spas, while others are secluded for romance. Most offer beach amenities, such as lounge chairs, umbrellas, lifeguards, fun playgrounds, restaurants and water sports for all ages.
In Athens, enjoying a sunset stroll or a seaside meal is a part of daily life. Walk on the many Athenian esplanades lined by tropical palm trees. Beach hopping is made possible by the new tramway. Hop-in from the center of Athens and watch the sun set over the Saronic Gulf.

Useful Links

City of Athens:
Municipality of Athens: www.cityofathens.gr/en
Athens Convention & Visitors Bureau: athenscvb.gr
The official City of Athens guide: thisisathens.org

Transportation:

Athens International Airport El. Venizelos: www.aia.gr
Athens Urban Transport Organization: www.oasa.gr
Metro of Athens: www.ametro.gr
Athens Piraeus Electric Railways (ISAP): www.isap.gr

Athens Weather: Yahoo! Weather

Museums:

The Ministry of Culture and Tourism: www.culture.gr

Acropolis Museum: www.theacropolismuseum.gr

National Archaeological Museum: www.namuseum.gr

Embassy Phone Numbers: www.web-greece.gr

Police Station Phone Numbers: www.astynomia.gr

PELOPONNESE & OTHER DESTINATIONS

Monuments from every period of the eventful Peloponnesian history, great archeological sites such as ancient Olympia, Epidaurus, Mycenae and Tirynth, Byzantine churches, unique settlements and amazing castles, natural beauties such as mountains, forests, rivers and caves surrounded by the sea, beautiful beaches, sandy and smooth coasts on the west - rocky and dentelated on the east, make this part of Greek land ideal for holidays, touring, sports and connecting to the history and culture. It is not accidental that especially during the summer season many tourists arrive in Peloponnese from all over the world to travel around it. This trip is very popular and well known.

Peloponnese with its gulfs in Korinthos, Patra, Saronic, Messinia, Argolida and Laconia looks like a plane tree leaf and that is why it was formerly called “Morias”. It has dry climate on the east, cold, snow and rich vegetation in its central and mountainous parts and rain and heat on the west.

People settled in Peloponnese since the middle Paleolithic era (circa 100.000 years B.C.). The Greek civilization began during the Copper era and after 2000 B.C. came in the area the First Greeks. Few centuries later, Mycenaeans are the center of Greek world. Excavations verify the legend of Homeric Mycenaean, while the ruins in Pylos match the references for the well-known King Nestor’s palace in west Peloponnese.

In 1200 B.C. Dorian and Aetoli arrive in Peloponnese and construct Korinthos, Argos and Sparta. The Olympic Games where athletes from all over Greece participate take place in Olympia every four years. After centuries, Phillip the Macedonian arrives in Peloponnese and then the Romans. In 393 B.C. the Byzantines abolish the Olympic Games, in 1294 arrive the Franks and later the Turks. In 1827 after the sea battle in Navarino ends the Ottoman/ Egyptian occupation and Peloponnese becomes the first part of new independent Greece.

THE BEAUTIFUL MESSINIAN REGION

Messinia region, located in the southwest of Peloponnese, is a breathtaking land, full of contrasts. Sandy beaches and beautiful blue waters are combined with valleys, olive groves and mountains. At the surrounding areas, visitors can explore fascinating castles, picturesque villages with stone built houses, introducing the unique architectural tradition, and the unique wild beauty of Taygetos mountain.

KALAMATA

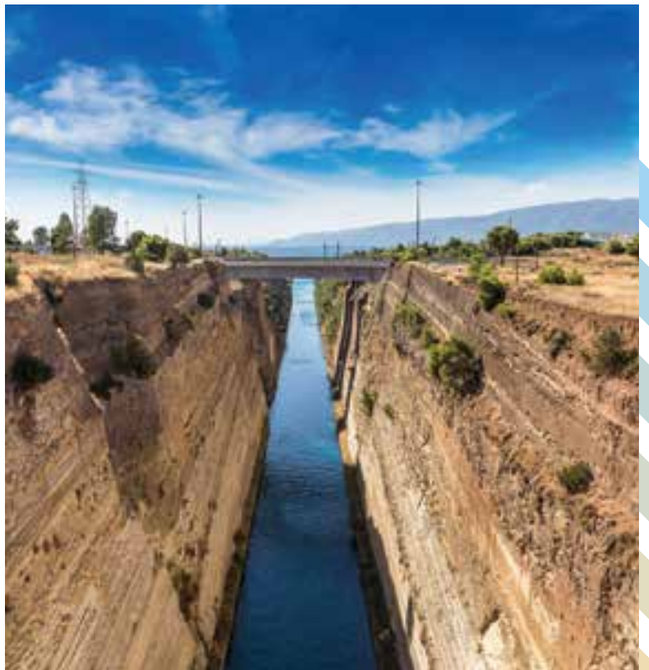
Kalamata, the capital of Messinian land, is a lively city holding a strong cultural and historic past. Urban reconstruction has improved the city centre, where cultural events take place and are considered of great importance, such as the Kalamata International Dance Festival which is particularly popular. The town is filled with plenty of different entertainment options; mezedopolia (small tavernas serving traditional tidbits), cafés and clubs will assure your amusement. Wander through the old town’s narrow alleys, take a stroll to the main square leading to a park, the harbour and the beach.

MESSINIA

Messinia is the land that will take your breath away! Messinia is full of contrasts and welcoming inhabitants and is only two hours drive away from Athens. Kalamata, the capital of Messinian land, is a vibrant city holding a strong cultural and historic past. Towards the south part of Messinia don't forget to visit Ancient Messene and the Ancient Theatre, which has been largely restored. While you tour Messinia visit Pylos, Nestor's Palace, Methoni and Koroni. Choose your base and discover the surrounding region. For nature enthousiasts, a stop by Neda River and waterfalls is a must. Neda is the only river in Greece that holds a womans name and is located between Messinia and Ileia.

LOUTRAKI, HERAION & HERAION (VOULIAGMENI) LAKE

Loutraki is located in the entrance of Mythical Peloponnese, only 80km away from the capital city of Greece, Athens. Loutraki is renowned for its thermal springs, famous since Antiquity, when the city was called Thermai, in honor of Thermia Artemis. The region is also visited for its Casino and appreciated for its natural mineral waters. At a short distance from Loutraki, you will encounter the cape of Heraion of Perachora also known as Melagavi. The cape stands alongside one of the largest lighthouses of the Corinthian Bay. Important relics of the early Corinthian Civilization have been discovered in the area. The sanctuary of goddess Hera, located at the depth of the harbour, near the rocks on which the current lighthouse is built, was of great importance in its time.



NAFPLIO

Greece's first capital has been built in a cove in the Argolic Gulf. The town and surrounding area are endowed with a natural beauty that has remained untouched over the centuries, and bear a pristine character, traditions and a very rich history. Nafplio is one of Greece's most beautiful towns, a favorite destination for a short distance weekend getaway. Nafplio is enveloped in a romantic atmosphere that you will feel as you get acquainted with the town's history.

CHALKIDA

Chalkida, the capital town of Evia, is also called the "weekend island"! It could very well be seen as a suburb in the outskirts of Athens as a 45-minute drive – past the impressive High Bridge – will get you there. Have a coffee break by the seafront – a favorite place among the young – and enjoy the view of Evripos straits.

SARONIC ISLANDS

The Saronic islands of Aegina, Poros, Hydra, Spetses and Methana are the most popular sailing destinations, along with the east coast of the Peloponnese and the nearest cycladic islands of Kea (Tzia) and Kythnos. In the Argosaronic gulf and along the east coast of the Peloponnese you can make use of superb sailing and well-organised port facilities in the historical cities of Nafplio and Tolo as well as marinas in Porto Heli, Astros and Leonidio.

In the serene atmosphere of the islands you will see what real Greece is all about while you mingle with the locals in tavernas and kafeneia (traditional cafés).

Participation

The **Organizing Committee** of the **WCSG2020** in Athens has managed to obtain for the participants and their accompanying persons participation fee with all-inclusive services comprising the sports competition, entry to the cultural events as well as the accommodation and transportation services!

With a wide range of packages on offer, to suit every taste and accommodate the needs of all participants you are guaranteed to find a fitting option at idyllic locations like the **Olympic City of Athens** or **Messinia** that will make your time in Greece and your experience at the **3rd WCSG** an unforgettable one.

PARTICIPATION FEE - ALL INCLUSIVE SERVICES (All disciplines except Golf)

ATHLETE'S:

- The sport/competition entered
- 4 nights' BB accommodation at the selected hotel*
- Transfer from the Athens International AIRPORT to the selected HOTEL*
- Transfer from the HOTEL to the Athens International AIRPORT *
- Entry to the Opening Ceremony at the Panathenaic Stadium
- Entry to the Closing Ceremony
- Entry to the after-sport social events
- Participation at the open competition on Saturday, 20 June 2020
- ATH.ENA. Card for using 5 days the ATHENS public transport network:
  - Athens Metro
  - Athens Suburban railway (city link)
  - Tram
  - Buses
  - Electric Trolley
- Welcome kit

*Only valid when HOTEL booking is selected

THE ACCOMPANYING PERSON'S:

- 4 nights' BB accommodation at the selected hotel*
- Transfer from the Athens International AIRPORT to the selected HOTEL*
- Transfer from the HOTEL to the Athens International AIRPORT *
- Entry to the Opening Ceremony at the Panathenaic Stadium
- Entry to the Closing Ceremony
- Entry to the after-sport social events
- Participation at the open competition on Saturday, 20 June 2020
- ATH.ENA. Card for using 5 days the ATHENS public transport network:
  - Athens Metro (city link)
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Schedule

WEDNESDAY 17 JUNE 2020	Arrival of the participants Accreditation in the Event Centre ***"National Gymnastics Club – Ethnikos Athinon"*** **8.00 p.m.** Opening Ceremony in the historic ***"Panathenaic Stadium"***
THURSDAY 18 JUNE 2020	**9.00 a.m. - 6.00 p.m.** Competitions **8.00 p.m.** After-Sports-Party in the Event Centre ***"National Gymnastics Club – Ethnikos Athinon"***
FRIDAY 19 JUNE 2020	**9.00 a.m. – 6.00 p.m.** Competitions **8.00 p.m.** After-Sports-Party in the Event Centre ***"National Gymnastics Club – Ethnikos Athinon"***
SATURDAY 20 JUNE 2020	**9.00 a.m. – 3.00 p.m.** Competitions **8.00 p.m.** Closing Ceremony and Party in the Event Centre ***"National Gymnastics Club – Ethnikos Athinon"***
SUNDAY 21 JUNE 2020	Individual departure of participants

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