To whom it may concern

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HELLENIC ASSOCIATION
OF TRAVEL
& TOURIST AGENCIES

Greece: A safe travel destination

Greece is a civil, European, democratic, country. Greece is an <u>extremely safe country</u>, which every traveller can visit, individually or as part of a group.

Greece is beautiful, vivid, open for business and more than safe for travellers to visit. Greece is able to offer a generous hospitality, a beautiful nature and its vast and interesting cultural heritage.

We can assure you that Greek people are hospitable, peaceful and friendly, all the destinations are safe and there's no danger that things could deteriorate.

The people of Greece stands for its rights to be a part of the development and not a part of the so-called-violent image.

Over the last couple of years international newscasts focus on Greece due to the known financial status only.

For this reason, most of the publicity that Greece gets is negative.

Very often, the announcements that derive from the press and National Governments are exaggerated and misleading, which is incorrect.

We can assure that the presentation of most articles do not reflect the daily reality of Greece in the capital and the rest of the country.

We admit that when a demonstration occurs, there is a disruption in the ordinary life of the city (only in Athens). This disruption lasts for a very short time and affects a very limited area, not the whole country.

In no case can, an incident that affected a very limited area in the centre of Athens (Syntagma square), be generalized and perhaps prevent tourists to visit our country. Moreover, strikes and demonstrations take place in all democratic states, England, France, Germany, Holland, Spain Italy etc.

All the tourist destinations and islands of Greece, are ready to welcome tourists. We can assure you about the quality of the vacations and services we offer.

Best Regards,

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