

Peloponnese

December 2015: Originally a Peninsula but now cut off by the Isthmus of Corinth with its deep narrow canal built in the 19th century by the King of the Austrian Hungarian Empire and the King of Greece. Peloponnese is home to Olympia the birthplace of the Olympics and the ancient cities of Sparta, Mystras and the fortress island of Monemvasía.



Corinth Canal



Sparta from Mystras Citadel



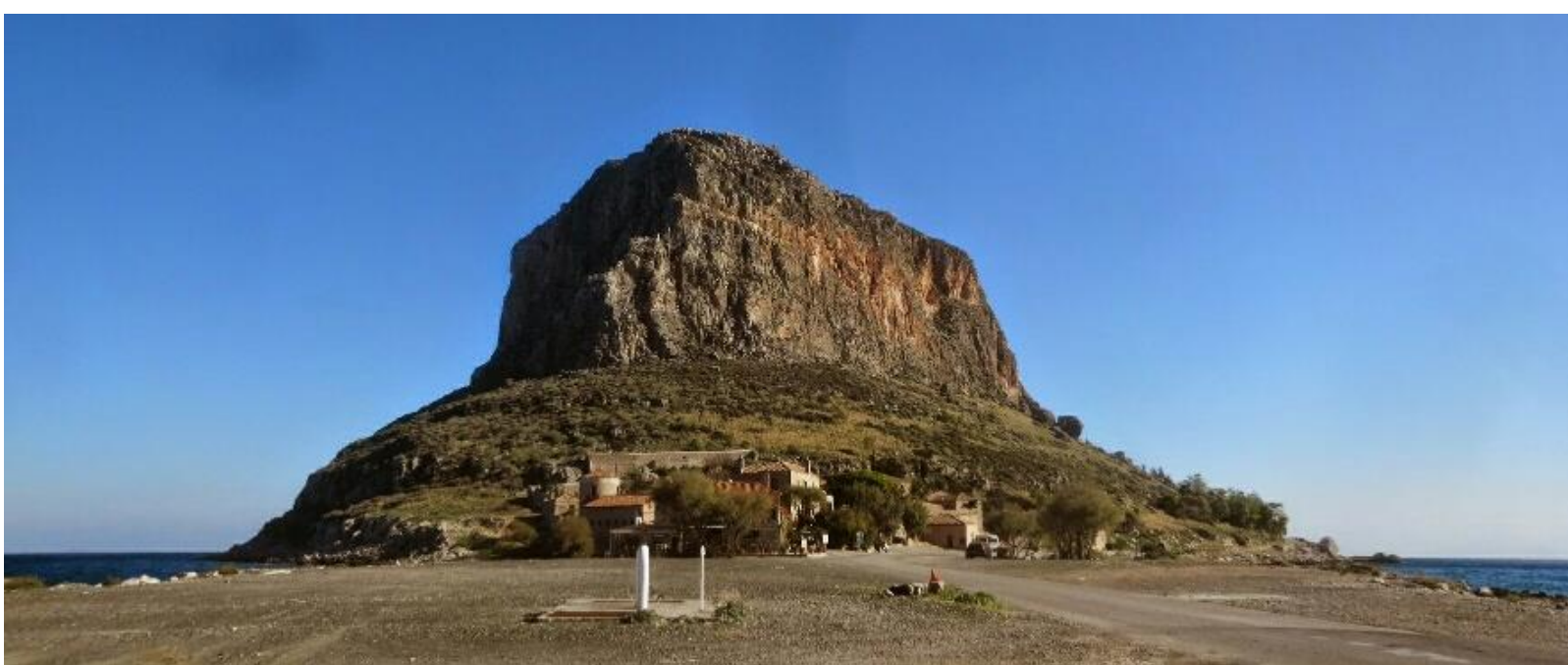
The First Olympic Stadium



Site of the Olympic Torch Lighting



Temple of Apollo Epicurius at Bassae



Monemvasia



Temple of Poseidon at Cape Sounio