



WINE ROADS

Mount Athos

Calling all wine lovers! This journey awaits you! Mount Athos area of Halkidiki offers you the opportunity to experience wine making of Greek authentic wines in natural lands of Halkidiki. Some famously known estates in Halkidiki that we will visit include: Leivadioti Estate and Claudia Papagianni Estate. Here you will be able to taste the rich flavor of various types of Greek wines. The trip will also include a visit to Mount Athos (for men), while women can enjoy Greek cuisine at a famous tavern in Ouranoupolis. We will also visit Thessaloniki to create an interesting mixture of nature and city at the same time.



DAY 1: Arrival at the Mount Athos Area

It is only 90km from Makedonia airport to Mount Athos. After check-in at the hotel in Mount Athos area, we will enjoy lunch or dinner depending on arrival time.



DAY 2: Leivadioti Estate

After breakfast we will start exploring the wine roads of the area, starting from "Estate Leivadiotis" at Marathousa. There you will taste bio wines and watch the traditional process of "tsipouro" produced in the cauldron of the Estate. During September, we will have the chance to participate at the "Vine Harvest Festival", where we can be part of various fests dedicated to tsipouro. In addition, various tastings of the following foods will be tried; local shepherd's white cheese with hot homemade bread and homemade sausages. Visitation to Leivadioti Estate can also be combined with horse riding in the local valleys and the routes of the area. We will dine at the forest of St. Paraskevi at Arnea and later wander around the cobbled paths of the city with the sublime architecture. We will visit the folklore museum and the Cathedral of St. Stephan with the rare findings seen under the glass floor of the church. We will end the day by going back to the hotel and having a wonderful evening by tasting the local wines and tsipouro.



DAY 3: Claudia Papagianni Estate

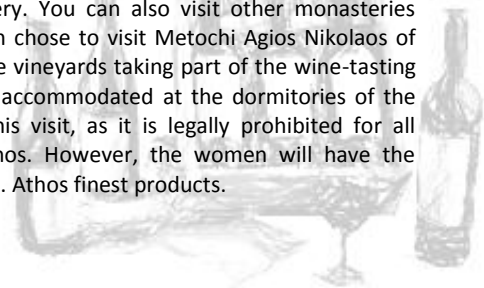
Today we will visit the "Estate Claudia Papayianni" in Arnea.

You will be guided in this special place, tasting the nine labels of the awarded estate's wines at the impressive cellar. During September you will be able to participate at the vine harvest. If you are member of a group you can also participate in a representation of a Dionysian Fest characterized as a unique tourism experience. We will also dine at the Forest of St. Paraskevi and later enjoy coffee at the central square or at one of the traditional guesthouses. We recommend that you do not miss buying honey, which is a product of local production of impeccable quality.



DAY 4: Mount Athos (only for men)

After breakfast the men will head to Ouranoupoli's port where the ship awaits to take them to Daphne's port in Mount Athos (following firstly the procedure of issuing Visa/ Diamonitirio). You will visit the Seat of Holy Eftsathios at Milopotamos of Holy Monastery Megisti Lavra. There you will watch the process of wine production in the Monastery's winery. You can also visit other monasteries located close to Milopotamos. As an alternative, some can chose to visit Metochi Agios Nikolaos of Saint Paul Monastery, where you will be guided around the vineyards taking part of the wine-tasting of some of the most famous wines. At night, you will be accommodated at the dormitories of the monastery. Women unfortunately cannot take part of this visit, as it is legally prohibited for all women to step grounds at the holy land of Mount Athos. However, the women will have the opportunity to dine and drink in Ouranoupoli of some of Mt. Athos finest products.





DAY 5: Local Rakokazana (wine cauldrons)

After the men's arrival at Ouranoupoli around noon time, we will visit Gomati where we will be engaged in the process of tsipouro making at the village's traditional cauldrons. Afterwards, you may dine at the traditional farm "Platanorema" where you can taste bio meat dishes and pies traditionally made by Ms. Anna. You will literally experience the delicious tasting of the foods since she will bake everything in her wooden oven right in front of your eyes! To complete the day, we will drink wine and tsipouro of impeccable quality and entertain ourselves by dancing to Greek traditional music.

DAY 6: Thessaloniki

After breakfast we will depart for Thessaloniki. We will wander around the city of gastronomy and fine dining. At night- upon request, a special oenologist will guide you in Mount Athos wine tasting through an event-presentation which will complete your visit with valuable knowledge.

DAY 7: Departure

The day will start with breakfast at the hotel and then you will be transferred to Makedonia airport.



CATEGORY: GASTRONOMY & TRADITION

DURATION: 5 days / 4 overnights

INCLUDED: accommodation on BB, extra meals, all winery tours, wine tasting instruction and wine tasting, brochures on the Regional wines bus transportation, local guides, all taxes

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The tour can be generally rearranged depending on your needs. Arrival and departure are flexibly amended and the duration can also be shortened or extended. More services can be added.

