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WINES, LAKES AND LEGENDS AT CORINTHIA AND STYMPHALIA

REFERENCE CODE: WLL03-ATH-VELTRA

HIGHLIGHTS

- *Enjoy the delicate and sublime bouquets of organic wines artfully created at an old winery at an altitude of 750 meters on **the mountains of Corinthia***
- *Be inspired by the beautiful **Lake Stymphalia** and its **Environmental Museum***
- *Be revived by the lakeside walk and the short hike to the ruins of **the ancient town of Stymphalos***
- *Relish the flavours at a carefully selected local tavern serving typical **Greek cuisine***
- *Travel back in time to **Hercules** and his **Stymphalian birds Labour***

DESCRIPTION SUMMARY

This delightful tour brings together the heady notes of organic wine tasting with the beauty of Lake Stymphalia, the mythology of the Stymphalian bird Labour of Hercules, a reviving hike by the lake to ancient Stymphalos and delectable local cuisine.





DAYS AND DATES

This tour operates every Saturday, from 23 September 2017 to 15 December 2018.

TOUR LANGUAGE

English

MINIMUM PARTICIPANTS PER BOOKING

One (1) person

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

This delightful and meticulously researched tour fuses several attractive themes into an irresistible proposition for a same-day programme that gives insight to the real, yet not well-known, Greece by combining mythology, natural scenery, archaeology, local wines and traditional cuisine.

The tour sets off early in the morning from Athens, so as to embrace the evocative sights, locations, aromas, sounds and flavors of the Corinthia region of northern Peloponnese via a short stop at the lovely coastal town of Loutraki. Corinthia is rich in history, magnificent relics of ages past and in legends. It is also rich in its treasures of the land through its wine and its food.

Driving past the impressive Corinth Canal, where we make a short stop for photos) and through the forested mountains of Corinthia, our next stop is at an old yet modern winery specialising in the production of organic fine wines created from varieties grown at local vineyards at an altitude between 650 and 780 meters in a small region of Corinthia noted for its own and particular microclimate. The wine tasting is harmoniously accompanied by home-made Corinthian appetisers.

The tour then proceeds to Lake Stymphalia, the location where legend has it that the ancient hero and demigod Hercules cunningly managed to destroy the predator Stymphalian birds which plagued the region by performing his sixth Labour. Lake Stymphalia and its complex wetland ecosystem is a Natura 2000 natural protection area and is also home to the delightful and rich Environment Museum of Stymphalia, which is one of the tour's highlights. The best way to take in any location is by foot, and the shores of the lake are perfect for reaching the ruins of the acropolis and the ancient town of Stymphalos. Fittingly, you will rest and relax at a local Greek taverna to sample the local delicacies.

The tour will finish in Athens at the designated drop-off point, however what will remain alive are your happy memories of the vibrant nature, myths, legends, historical sites and the aroma and flavors of the wine and the food of this blessed land - arguably one of the best ways to end any day.

WHAT'S INCLUDED:

- Air-conditioned car, luxury minibus or coach • Tour guide • Wine tasting and cheese platter at the winery • Museum entry ticket
- 3-course lunch (appetizers, main course and dessert of fruit) including two glasses of wine up to a value of EUR 18.- at a local taverna serving traditional Greek gourmet dishes
- One bottle of mineral water during the drive

NOT INCLUDED:

- Extra beverages • Gratuities at the taverna for the tour guide and for driver (optional)

DURATION / VALIDITY

10 hours

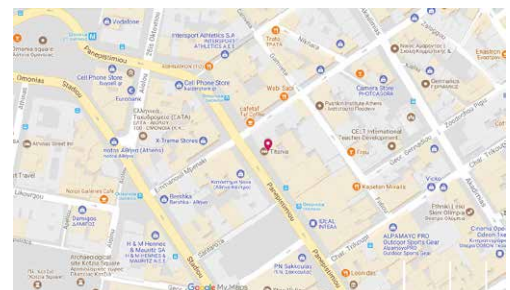
MEETING POINT

Two pick-up points are offered for your convenience. Please ensure that you arrive at the pick-up point at least 15 minutes prior to the pick-up times. Your tour guide will be holding a sign with 'Hercules Two Labours Tour' written on it.

(A) At 07:30: The Melina Merkouri Monument on a small square along Amalias Avenue across from Hadrian's Arch. Nearest metro station: Acropolis.



(B) At 08:00: Athens Hotel Titania at 52 Panepistimiou St. Nearest metro station: Panepistimio, a 4-minute walk. Two pick-up points are offered for your convenience.



CANCELLATION POLICY

Cancel up to 3 days in advance for a full refund.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Please be at the pick-up point at the latest 15 minutes prior to the departure of the tour as we regret that the car/coach will not await late-comers • A moderate amount of walking is involved, some of it over rather rough paths
- Please have your passport or other identity document with you • Comfortable walking shoes are a must • Clothing depends on season.



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