



Meet in Thessaloniki SEP 28 - part ways morning of SEP 9



Tour Emphasis

- Wine
- Food
- Scenery

Northern Greece Uncorked: A 10-Day Wine & Culture Journey
Led by Sommelier Paul Martzoukos | Intimate Group of 8 Guests

This isn't your typical Greek tour. It's slower, deeper, and packed with flavour.

Join me, Paul Martzoukos—sommelier, history lover, and passionate Greece explorer—for a 10-day adventure through the wild beauty and hidden gems of Northern Greece. With a small group of 8 guests, we'll journey off the beaten path to taste incredible wines, explore breathtaking landscapes, and connect with the people behind it all.

We begin in lively Thessaloniki, then head into wine country—visiting a retsina trailblazer and spending two days in Naousa, tasting world-class Xinomavro and soaking in local hot springs. From there, we climb into the mountains of Amyndeon and stay in the storybook village of Nymfaio. Then it's off to Papigo and the awe-inspiring Vikos Gorge, before heading to Meteora's cliffside monasteries. We finish with a full day at a peaceful winery estate in Achinos, and a final toast back in Thessaloniki.

This journey is for the curious and the connected—those who want to go beyond the brochure, taste with intention, and experience Greece with heart.

DETAILS

- 11 nights, 10 Full days
- Meet in Thessaloniki evening of September 28
- Part ways in Athens morning of October 9
- You are responsible for airfare, transfers to and from airport (I can help arrange), and trip insurance
- All accommodation, meals, planned wine, transport and activities in the itinerary are included
- You are also responsible for meals, beverages and incidentals not included in the itinerary
- Cost is \$9,000 per person based on double occupancy

TESTIMONIALS

I went on the Curious Sommelier tour on a whim not really knowing what was in store for me. Obviously there would be a bit of wine involved but Paul's amazing knowledge and his simple way of conveying it made me appreciate the grape even more. If I was in the mood to 'Geek out' on a Malagousia or just live in the moment with a nice rose I could be satisfied. Meeting the wine maker, walking through the fields, and experiencing the Terroir couldn't be beat. Travelling from A to B wasn't putting on miles, it was a fabulous experience often on twisting backroads with snippets of History along the way. Visiting ruins was a high point for me and I thank Paul for his vast knowledge of these places and his infectious enthusiasm! I won't forget the meals we enjoyed. It is easy to go to the most expensive place in town but dining at out of the way places with exquisite food with local ideals enhanced the flavours. Having a fabulous place to lay my head at the end of the day rounded the experience. In a nutshell ...I would highly recommend the tour to anyone.... I'd love to go again!

Greg

Standing on an otherwise indistinguishable little hill that thousands, unaware that this was where history was made in the battle of Thermopylae as Leonidas and 300 Spartans met their fate, simply drive past was just one example of how a wine tour with Paul is so much more than imbibing fine Greek wine. His encyclopedic knowledge of the Greek past and his immense enthusiasm for this ancient culture bring to life a region steeped in history. Paul's engaging explanations let us experience ancient treasures of Greek history in a new light on a tour of inspiring sites accompanied by a narrative told with passion and more than a dash of excellent Greek wine. On this fact-filled trip through a tasty and intriguing slice of Greek culture we connected with Greece in a whole new way, learning from the perspective of a curious and knowledgeable sommelier. We visited wineries that are producing some outstanding wines, experienced fine dining and authentic family-run tavernas, walked where the founders of democracy stood, marvelled at the artistry of ancient cultures, saw first-hand how military strategy played out on the Greek plains, and greatly enjoyed the banter from this thoroughly personable friend. It's impossible to be bored on this trip; we experienced such a variety of landscapes, art and flavours, all woven together through Paul's captivating narrative. He thoughtfully planned an itinerary of historical sites, hotels, restaurants, wineries and experiences that showed us what the region had to offer and kept us well occupied but not too exhausted. There were so many memories from this trip, like the majestic hilltop monasteries at Meteora and watching new vines being planted that the grandchildren of the vineyard owner will be tending in years to come. We had a truly wonderful experience and wholeheartedly recommend Paul's tour.

Anne and John