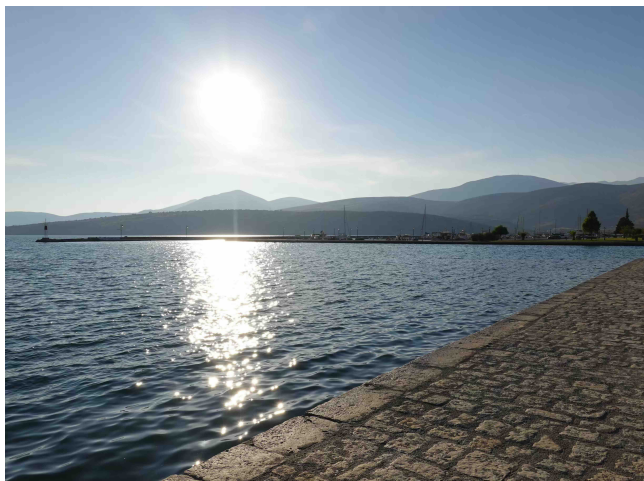




Meet in Athens SEP 29 - part ways morning of OCT 10



Tour Emphasis

-  Wine
-  Food
-  History

Join sommelier, history buff, and seasoned Greece traveler Paul Martzoukos for a one-of-a-kind 10 day, 8 person journey through the heart of Greece—designed for those who crave authentic experiences, rich culture, and unforgettable food and wine.

This thoughtfully curated tour begins with a day in Athens, where you'll explore iconic ancient sites, dine at exceptional local spots, and unwind in a beautiful boutique hotel. From there, travel off the beaten path—visiting a micro-winery and the wonderful family behind it en route to Nafplio, your base for three days of immersive experiences. Discover the historic wonders of Mycenae and Epidaurus, and enjoy tastings at two renowned Nemea wineries meeting the people behind the wines. Continue through the dramatic mountain roads to Byzantine Mystras and the tranquil seaside village of Kyllini. Then it's on to Delphi and a three-night stay at a stunning winery estate in Achinos. From here, visit Meteora's cliff-top monasteries, soak in natural hot springs, and savor the slow pace of rural Greece.

Wrap up your journey with a final night of pampering back in Athens.

Led by Paul's deep knowledge, warmth, and down-to-earth style, this tour connects you to the true soul of Greece—far from the crowds and full of moments you'll never forget

DETAILS

- 11 nights, 10 Full days
- Meet in Athens evening of Sept 29
- Part ways in Athens morning of Oct 10
- 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 all discretionary 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