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# SUMMER 2021

# Agritourism by the Sea in Northern Peloponnese with Kids Customizable 10-day family package

If you wish to combine your summer vacation with babies or toddlers, and some leisure with agritourism, your destination is undoubtedly the Northern Peloponnese! Close to Athens, the area is rich in terms of culture, mythology and nature, and unexpectedly unspoiled. The area expanding from the Corinth Canal to the south coast of the Gulf of Corinth and to the mountainous interior of the Peloponnese, is the land of grapes, raisins, the world-renown Corinthian currant and the Nemean wines. The coast of the Corinthian Gulf smells of citrus fruits, such as orange, lemon and tangerine, and as we approach the Argolis peninsula, pomegranate and olive groves spread amidst smooth valleys and green hills end up at crystal blue sandy coves.

The region's agricultural background offers families a unique chance to get involved in farming, cooking and tasting experiences. Apart from cooking classes, food tours and "farm to table" meals, you will have the unique opportunity for a family friendly wine-tasting, where children participate in a fun educational program and tasting regarding the grape, while adults have the chance to meet the Greek varieties and taste the Nemean wines without distractions. Do you think you will miss the highlights? No way. Ancient Epidaurus, Nafplio and Mycenae will be part of this memorable family trip to Greece!





### At a glance

What is included (customizable)

- ➤ 9 nights at family-friendly accommodations about which we have firsthand experience and which conform to MAMAKITA and our team's high standards (listed <u>here</u>). Through our proposals, you will be the one to choose which type of accommodation meets your expectations, be it a hotel, a farm or an independent villa!
- ➤ **Selected kid-friendly tours and activities** that MAMAKITA team of travel advisors has handpicked based on firsthand experience according to the interests, the budget and the age of kids
- A detailed day-by-day personalized travel guidebook with a custom Google Map with pins compiled from our team's extensive travel experiences. The travel guidebook includes all relevant and useful information regarding places of interest, family-friendly activities, kid-friendly beaches, taverns and restaurants, playgrounds, as well as all emergency contacts every family may need to travel independently and safely.

## Indicative day-by day program

**Day 1: Acrocorinth and Greek Traditions** 





On your way to Northern Peloponnese, you make a stop at the Corinth Canal and then you visit Ancient Corinth and the Acrocorinth to learn more about the history of the area and admire the views over the Corinthian Gulf.

After your history tour of the day, you visit "Linos", a museum that is a simulation of a 19<sup>th</sup> century Greek village to enjoy a farm-to-table light meal like a local. Your guide, Elena will take you back in time with a kid-friendly and interactive tour. You collect the eggs of the day, fresh vegetables and fruits from the garden, and with the guidance of Elena, you prepare your farm-to-fork "Greek table" and enjoy your meal and your traditional Greek coffee. Free afternoon to enjoy the sea and relax!

#### Included:

• 1 ½ hour private interactive guided tour in Linos and light meal

#### **Optional:**

- Guided tour in the Corinth Canal, Ancient Corinth and Acrocorinth led by a statelicensed tourist guide experienced in kids
- Corinth Canal crossing by boat
- Wine & olive oil tasting and lunch with products from a biodynamic farm
- Bread kneading in "Linos"
- Wine pressing and grape-tasting in "Linos" (from August to October)

#### Day 2: Swim & Relax





Today is a day to rest at one of the kid-friendly beaches of the area. You will receive a complete personalized guide to choose among the ones that suit your family and you will have the option to enjoy watersports, such as SUP and sea kayak.

In the afternoon, you, the parents, have the chance to appreciate some time with each other or to enjoy a relaxing massage, while kids indulge themselves in a creative play at Pefkias forest with an experienced pedagogue.

#### **Included:**

• Outdoor activities for kids and treasure hunt (2 hours)

#### **Optional:**

• Relaxing massage for adults (1 hour per person)

#### Day 3: Boat trip in the Corinthian or the Argolis Gulf

Depending on your location, take a half or a full day boat tour in the Corinthian or the Argolis Gulf. In the Corinthian Gulf, you have high chances to watch the dolphins. Discover tiny islands, untouched beaches, small fishing settlements with fresh fish and authentic taverns, archaeological sites by the water and unique sights of interest.

#### **Optional:**

- Half or full-day boat tour
- Waterski lesson for kids
- SUP, sea scooter, wakeboard





Day 4: Kalavryta & Vouraikos gorge

Visit Kalavrita, a village of great importance for Greece's history, and the Vouraikos gorge with the famous rack railway characterized as "one of the most spectacular train rides of the world". Explore traditional authentic villages, as well as a one-of-a-kind farm with animals and special outdoor decoration. Swim along the way back! We will tell you where exactly you will find the kid-friendliest beach!

#### **Optional:**

• Private transfer back to your car in Diakopto with an optional stop at Mega Spileo Monastery in case you take the rack railway to Kalavrita one-way.





Day 5: Leisure and farm-to-table "creative" cooking

Spend your day on the beach and in the afternoon, live a family farming and cooking experience in Ancient Sikyon at Panagiotis's farm "Drupes". Panagiotis is a sculptor and a farmer producing high-quality products, such as apricot chutney, apricot-made balsamic crème and his award-winning molasses made from pomegranate (ideal for pancakes).

At his farm, you will be able to see -almost all- specimens of pomegranate trees growing in the Mediterranean. You will find yourself among the amicable farm animals and his

sculptures of metal and you will be able to learn more about the production process, to cook with him, and to enjoy your meal. You will also have the opportunity to walk to Ancient Sikyon and see the remnants of the ancient city and the Museum. The whole process may last from 2 to 4 hours depending on your availability.

#### Included:

- Private educational tour in the farm and the cottage industry
- Private visit to the pomegranate and apricot groves and fruit/vegie picking
- Private cooking class and lunch or pastry-making class and tasting
- Walk to Ancient Sikyon





Day 6: Epidaurus, Nafplio & Mycenae

Today is the day to discover mythical Argolis. Start from Ancient Epidaurus, the most famous healing center of the Greek and Roman world, considered to be the birthplace of medicine. With the guidance of our certified guide, take a tour in the site and experience drama games designed for the whole family inside the ancient theatre.





Then head to Nafplio, the first capital of Greece. You will have the opportunity to experience a guided tour that your children will also enjoy, like a bike tour including swimming

and a picnic, or a food tour in the city center. After your meal, visit an old factory transformed into an art center, a place ideal for families, enjoy your coffee, while your kids entertain themselves with art activities.

In late afternoon, you may visit the "rich in gold" Mycenae, the center of the Mycenean civilization and kingdom of Agamemnon, the place where the Trojan War began. You have the option to attend a ceramic workshop to create your own souvenir to take back home and remember this precious day forever!





#### **Included:**

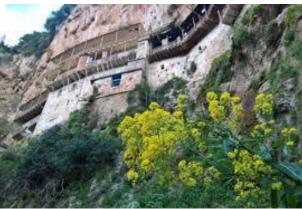
- Epidaurus privately guided tour and drama game for kids
- 1-hour art activities for kids led by a pedagogue in Nafplio

#### **Optional:**

- 3-hour Nafplio tour by bike, swimming and picnic
- 3-hour Nafplio food tour
- 4-hour Sea kayak in Nafplio or Epidaurus
- 4-hour Mycenae privately guided tour and pottery workshop

#### **Day 7: Mountainous Arcadia**





Visit Dimitsana and the open-air water power museum. Then, hike from the monasteries of the Lousios valley to the river and gorge to swim and rest under the trees and the wooden bridges. For lunch, you have the option to participate in a farm to table cooking class and lunch at an authentic traditional workshop. In the afternoon, enjoy your coffee and drinks at a very beautiful farm and natural playground or the silversmiths' village Stemnitsa.

#### What is included:

• Privately guided walk to the monasteries of the Lousios gorge (1  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour) **Optional:** 

- Rafting Lousios river (4 hours in total-2 hours rafting)
- Farm-to-table experience: guided tour of the traditional workshop, the food preparation area, the cookware museum and the library; vegie picking, cooking class and bread kneading by a local cook; traditional meal including appetizers, mains and dessert, accompanied by organic wine (red, white or rose), soft drinks, Greek coffee or tea.





Day 8: Day trip to Nemea & mountainous Corinthia

This day is dedicated to Nemea and mountainous Corinthia -the so-called "Greek Switzerland"- lakes Doxa and Stymphalia, the land where semi-God Hercules accomplished two out of his 12 Labors: the Stymphalian Birds and the Augean stables.





Start your day from Nemea, famous for its red wines from the Agiorgitiko grape variety, with a kid-friendly tour to a local winery. After the tour, the whole family will listen to Greek myths related to God Dionysus, the God of grape harvest, winemaking, religious ecstasy and theatre, and to the children-loved hero Hercules, told from a professional and inspiring storyteller experienced in kids.

Then, while adults will be given the time to meet the Greek varieties and taste the Nemean wines and the hors d'oeuvres, children will participate in drama and sensory games regarding the grape, the raisin, Greek mythology, and their role in the Greek culture: they will taste products like grape must cookies, grape juice, vine, raisins and depending on the season fresh grapes and "moustalevria" (a traditional dessert containing grapes and flour).

After your meal, you continue to mountainous Corinthia, where you have the chance to swim and enjoy lake activities, visit the unique interactive Stymphalia Environment Museum, cherish the view from Ancient Stymphalos and trace the place where Hercules fulfilled the Labor of the Stymphalian Birds! Enjoy your coffee next to a playground, where children can safely play!





#### **Included:**

- Private winery tour (1 hour)
- Storytelling for the whole family (30 min)
- Wine tasting for parents (30 min)
- Creative workshop for kids (1 hour)
- Lunch at the winery

#### **Optional:**

- Cooking class at the winery
- Hydrobikes in lake Doxa
- Guided biking tour around lake Doxa
- E-Bike or mountain bike rental

#### Day 9: Archaeologist or Beekeeper?

Enjoy your free morning on the beach and in the afternoon, depending on your location, choose between two fun and educational activities: become an archaeologist or a beekeeper! If you stay close to Nafplio, visit the bees in their natural environment in a honey farm. Learn the secrets of beekeeping and taste local honeys on bread, Greek yoghurt, local cheese, fruits, accompanied with tea from local herbs and coffee. If you stay in the coast of the Corinthian Gulf, visit an excavation simulation center, learn more about the profession of the archaeologist, dig to trace the remnants of the Palace of Nestor and create your own replica of ancient vase.





#### **Optional:**

- Excavation simulation and ceramic workshop
- Privately guided tour to a honey farm and museum, honey tasting, snacks and drinks







On your way to Athens, you have the chance to visit a snails' farm, meet the snails, participate in the selection and see the packaging process of fresh snails. Then, taste four snail

recipes paired with two different local wines, while children paint the snail shells to take them back home as your souvenir from Greece.

#### **Optional:**

Privately guided gastronomy tour at a snails' farm & lunch with drinks

#### **Accommodation options:**

This family package includes accommodation in:

- Studios, apartments & family suites in hotel with breakfast
- Self-catering studios & apartments



#### Possibility for an upgrade to:

- Private villa
- Detached house in a complex with shared pool
- Detached house in a complex without pool





#### **Additional Services** (upon request)

- Massage
- ➤ Hairdresser nail & salon services
- > Yoga/ yoga for kids
- Grocery delivery

- Chef or catering services
- Creative activities for children & baby-sitting led by a pedagogue
- ➤ Private cinema in your villa
- Live music/ private party with a DJ
- Private concert
- Photo shooting
- Private transfers

#### **Terms & Conditions**

Upon filling the request form, the customer receives a personalized draft proposal, including an indicative day-by-day program and an indicative description of the accommodations, the tours, the activities and the services. This draft proposal serves as the basis of the customer's travel plan.

If the customer wishes to continue, a deposit of 250 euros +VAT 24% (310 euros) is required, which is part of the cost of the trip, in order for the travel advisor to adjust the plan according to customer's wishes. The final cost is determined by the final travel plan that includes all the activities and extra services that the customer will select until the start of the trip.

When the customer is absolutely satisfied with the travel plan, he/she proceeds to booking paying a 50% deposit of the remaining amount. The remaining 50% is settled 7 days before the start of the trip. In case the customer does not proceed to booking, the initial deposit of 250 euros +VAT 24% is non-refundable, as it is considered to be the consulting fee paid to the travel expert and advisor for sharing all his/her knowledge and information. On a detailed account, you are recommended to read the terms <a href="https://example.com/here-new/memory-new/mem

#### **Cancellation and Refund Policy**

Our cancellation policy applies as follows:

- More than 22 days prior to the starting date of the trip booked: Full refund, excluding the consulting fee and credit card fees
- 8-21 days prior to the starting date of the trip booked: 50% refund, excluding credit card fees
  - 0-7 days prior to the starting date of the trip booked: no refund
  - No show: No refund
- In the event that MAMAKITA needs to cancel a booking, the respective payment will be fully refunded.
  - Refunds will be returned within 30 days of the cancellation date.

#### Read also our **Privacy Policy**

#### About MAMAKITA

MAMAKITA Family Friendly Greece is an online travel agency specialized in family travel and custom family vacation itinerary planning in Greece.

Our mission is to provide families travelling with kids to Greece with premium and personalized family travel consulting services based on first-hand experience, to create custom-tailored travel itineraries and private family & kid-friendly activities and experiences that will make each and every one of the family happy.

Whether you are an adventure-seeker, or you prefer to live your family vacation at a slow pace; whether you opt for outdoor activities and hiking with kids or you have a special interest in Culture, History or Arts; whether you like agritourism, wine tourism, farming, tasting the local produce or Ecotourism and the exploration of Greece's wild life, we, the MAMAKITA travel designers have travelled across Greece, traced the ideal family destinations for every taste and built a network of top service providers with whom we share the vision to create every family's "Grecious" travel story.

#### Family & kids friendly travel planner in Greece

- Personalized planning based on first-hand experience
- Custom itineraries for vacations with kids in Greece
- Privately guided tours and services for families
- Things to do, hands-on family and kids' friendly experiences
- Family friendly accommodation

Why Greece is the ideal destination for your family vacation? Learn more here