

# **MAMAKITA Family Friendly Greece**

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# Family Summer Vacation in Navarino, Messenia

Customizable 10-day family package

Traveling in Messenia, western Peloponnese around the Gulf of Navarino and the castles of the south is a journey to a mythical world. Here, you will have the opportunity to enjoy the best kid-friendly beaches in the Ionian Sea sunbathing next to white sea-lilies growing in the sand; to attend family-friendly guided tours in the region's archeological sites, such as Ancient Messene and the Palace of Nestor; to live family experiences in nature swimming next to the old castles of Navarino and Methoni, hiking in unique ecosystems, such as the Gialova lagoon; and to live the experience as a local in the Messenian olive groves.





# 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 **here**). 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: Ancient Messene and the Messenian taste





Before arriving to your hotel by the water, you make a stop in Ancient Messene, one of the greatest and best-preserved cities of antiquity in terms of size. After your kid-friendly tour in the ancient city, you get the chance to taste the Kalamata olives and olive oil. Walk through the olive groves and marvel the perennial olive trees while kids indulge themselves in a treasure hunt with the guidance of our experienced guide. In a family friendly olive oil testing & food pairing seminar, our certified olive oil sommelier will help you discover the richness of the Messenian taste. Traditional meal will follow.

#### Included:

- Treasure hunt for kids in the olive grove (>3 yo)
- Visit an olive oil mill

- Olive oil tasting & food pairing
- Light traditional meal

#### **Optional:**

Privately guided tour in Ancient Messene with state licensed tour guide

## Day 2: Swim & Relax at the coast of Pylos "the Sandy"





Today is a day for rest on the beach on the kid-friendly beaches of "Sandy Pylos", as Homer calls the ancient kingdom in Odyssey. 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 wind-surfing, kite-surfing and water-ski.

In the afternoon, you will visit an artistic farm, where kids will create handmade souvenirs from materials collected from the sea with the guidance of an artist and pedagogue, while parents will have the chance to enjoy a massage. Taste handmade snacks and traditional sweets, as well as handmade lemonade, and if you want, enjoy a private dinner prepared by a local chef!

#### **Included:**

- Visit to the farm and eco-tour
- 2-hour creative workshop for kids
- Snacks, sweets and homemade lemonade
- Massage for adults

#### **Optional:**

- Watersports (wind-surfing, kitesurfing and water ski)
- Private dinner at the farm

## Day 3: Explore Proti island

Explore Proti island, whose name derives from the sea god Proteus, son of Poseidon. That is why, according to mythology, Proti resembles a crocodile: when Proteus would become angry, in his wrath, he would be transformed into a beast and take the form of an island. In the

afternoon, enjoy a farm – to-table cooking class and meal, and the sunset from a serene coastal fishing village, where the olive groves meet the deep blue sea.







#### Included:

3-hour boat trip to Proti island (small group)

## **Optional:**

- Full-day private sailing trip to Proti
- Cooking class and meal
- Diving with PADI certified diver

Day 4: Voidokilia & the Old Castle of Navarino





Swim at one of the most beautiful beaches in Greece, Voidokilia. The ecosystem surrounding this unique place, Gialova lagoon is of utmost importance. You will have the option of a guided bike or hiking tour and/or a SUP and snorkeling experience on the adjacent beach. Your day will conclude with a private picnic with local handmade food, up the hill with an unprecedented view.

#### Included:

Exclusive picnic with great view

#### Optional:

- SUP & snorkeling on Voidokilia beach
- Hiking or biking eco tour and birdwatching in Gialova lagoon

Day 5: Trip to Ancient Olympia





Enjoy a full-day trip to Ancient Olympia, farm-to-table lunch at a honey farm, excavation simulation and a privately guided family friendly tour in the site and the Museum. Alternatively, relax on the beach, swimming, snorkeling and sunbathing on a peaceful sandy beach. In the afternoon, you have the option to live the experience of a family photo-shooting with drones!

#### Included:

- Visit and honey seminar at the farm
- Traditional meal at the farm
- Excavation simulation
- Privately guided tour with state-licensed guide in Ancient Olympia

#### **Optional:**

- Snorkeling on the beach
- Family photo-shooting (with drones)





Day 6: Swim & Explore Ancient Pylos, King Nestor's Land

Relish your day at one of the kid-friendliest beaches and in the afternoon visit Nestor's Palace, one of the most kid-friendly archeological sites. Next to the Palace, you will find one of the many Mycenean Tombs, found and excavated in the olive groves around the Palace and

Hora. In Hora, you can visit the Archeological Museum, exhibiting findings from the excavations in the Palace led by Carl Blegen, as well as in the Tombs led by Spiros Marinatos. When back to your hotel, appreciate some free time with each other, while kids enjoy a dance class with a pedagogue and dance teacher!





#### Included:

• 2-hour creative kids' play at your hotel

## Day 7: A day in Methoni & Pylos

Methoni's uniqueness is summarized in the way its Venetian Castle enters the sea creating an inimitable cape. Visit the Castle and swim the beach at the deserted island of Sapienza, lying across Methoni. In the afternoon, visit Pylos & Niokastro (the New Castle), also known with its Venetian name Navarino.





## **Optional:**

• Photo tour in the castles of South Messenia led by knowledgeable photo coach

## Day 8: Relax or Hike Polylimnio Waterfalls

Relish your day swimming and sunbathing in one of the kid-friendly beaches of the area or enjoy a half-day hiking & archery tour at Polylimnio Waterfalls together with our experienced guide.





## **Optional:**

- Watersports (wind-surfing, kitesurfing and water ski)
- Guided hiking, archery for kids, swimming & picnic in Polylimnio waterfalls
- Performance or music concert or cinema at an olive grove

# Day 9: Explore the Gulf of Navarino





Enjoy a family boat or sea kayaking trip inside the Gulf of Navarino, famous for the most decisive naval battle during the Greek Revolution, the Battle of Navarino (1827), and the last major naval battle in history fought entirely with sailing ships. Visit the Monuments of the British, the French and the Russian Fleet and conclude your day in the beautiful coastal town of Gialova!

## Included:

• Half-day boat or sea kayak guided tour in the Gulf of Navarino (small group)

Farewell dinner in the best fish restaurant of the area

## **Optional:**

Pasta-making class

Day 10: Kyparissia & Departure





Departure and optional stop at Kyparissia, the second biggest city in Messenia and undoubtedly the most beautiful city in western Peloponnese. Go up the Castle and visit an operating old watermill, where you will have the opportunity to see how flour is being produced. In the back yard, enjoy local delicacies.

## **Optional:**

• Kyparissia guided tour and lunch at the old watermill

# **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:

- ➤ Luxury private villa
- Detached house in a complex with shared pool
- Detached house in a complex without pool
- ➤ Glamping tents in a complex with shared pool









# **Additional Services** (upon request)

- Massage
- Personal training
- > 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 or in an olive-grove
- ➤ Live music/ private party with a DJ
- > Private concert/ performance in an olive-grove
- > 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