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## Summer Mountain Adventures in Greece With Kids

**Customizable 10-day family package in Arcadia**

“Et In Arcadia Ego” Arcadia is represented in the Greek and Roman mythology as an earthly paradise, a utopia! The image of Arcadia as an ideal state of peace and simplicity has been used by poets and artists through the ages, such as Theocritus and Virgil, Sanazaro and Edmund Spenser..

In the center of the Peloponnese, the region around Mount Menalon covered with fir trees and gifted with abundant water, flowing from springs, through streams and rivers keeps the myths and legends of nymphs and fairies alive in every village you encounter, in every stone you touch, in every step you take. Live the experience of Arcadia with kids to meet the myths’ nymphs and the tales’ fairies! Here is where Goddess Artemis (or Diana) used to hunt; here is where her follower nymph Callisto, mother of Arcas and the Arcadians, was transformed into a bear and later was set among the stars as Ursa Major. Here is also where rivergod Ladon transformed his daughter, naiad Daphne, into a laurel tree; where God of nature, shepherds, flocks and mountain wilds, Pan, fell in love with nymph Syrinx; where Aglaos, the “happiest Man on earth” lived.

MAMAKITA has walked and traced the best accommodation for families, the kid-friendliest paths of the Menalon Trail passing by traditional and authentic villages and will guide you to the heart of the forest for you to discover the deep spirituality and cultural wealth in this awe-inspiring scenery and one of the most beautiful parts of the country.



## 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: Kapsia cave & arrival



Drive to Arcadia with a stop at Kapsia Cave one of the most beautiful, yet unexplored caves in Greece! Feel the breeze inside the cave and then visit a traditional estate and cellar for wine tasting. The temperatures are already low! Arrive at your hotel, settle down and relax to feel the energy of this mythical mountain!

### Optional:

- Private winery tour and wine tasting



## Day 2: Vytina & the valley of Mylaon river



Explore the villages of Vytina and Elati, and the heart of the Menalon Forest with an easy guided hiking and botanical tour together with our experienced and certified guide. Swim in the river and enjoy a picnic in nature in the springs of Vytina. In the afternoon, visit a woodcarving atelier (craftmanship of the area) and/or take a horse-riding tour in the dense forest!

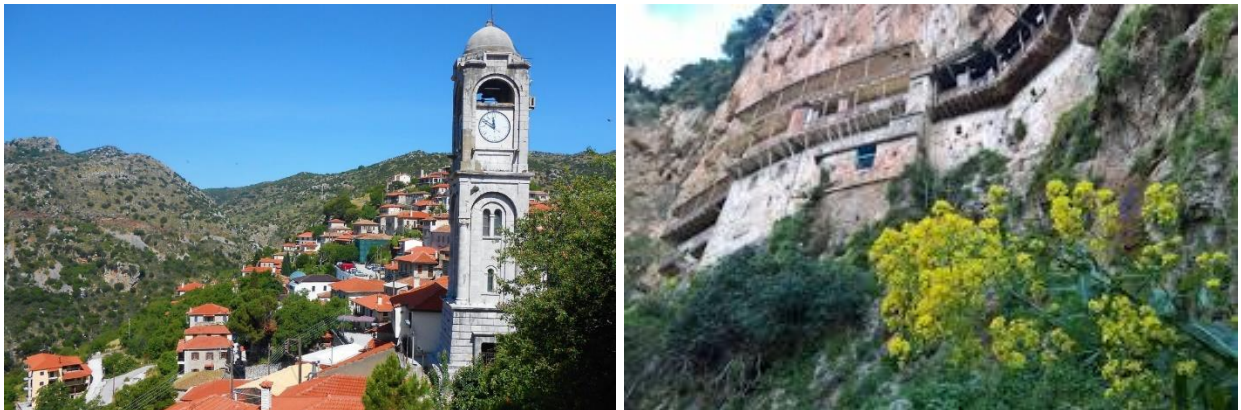
### What is included:

- Private guided hiking and botanical tour
- Picnic in the forest next to dreamy springs

### Optional:

- Woodcarving workshop
- Horse-riding in the forest

## Day 3: Dimitsana, the Monasteries & Lousios Gorge



Visit Dimitsana, the open-air water power museum and hike from the monasteries of the Lousios valley to the river and gorge to swim and rest under the trees and the wooden bridges. Visit the silversmiths' village Stemnitsa in the afternoon.

### What is included:

- Private guided walk to the monasteries of the Lousios gorge

#### Day 4: Day trip to mountainous Corinthia



Day trip to mountainous Corinthia, lakes Stymphalia and Doxa, where you will have the chance for swimming, hydrobiking, horse riding and mountain biking. 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! You will have the chance to enjoy your meal and coffee next to a playground, where children can safely play!

##### **Optional:**

- Hydrobikes in lake Doxa
- Guided biking tour around lake Doxa
- E-Bike or mountain bike rental

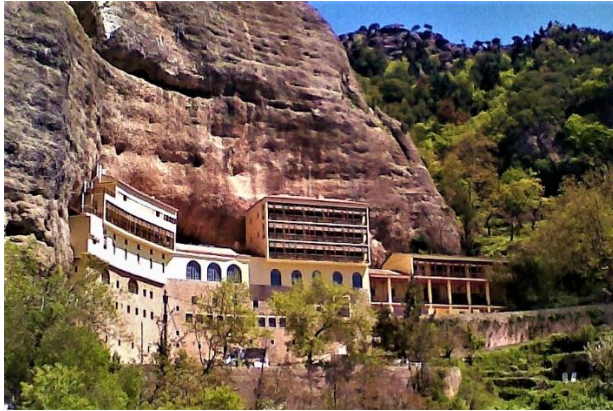
#### Day 5: Authentic villages Off the beaten path



Discover the off-the-beaten Arcadia in Valtessiniko, and the highest village of the Peloponnese, Magouliana. Taste traditional recipes, walk to watermills, explore the hidden monastery St Nicholas, rest in a self-catering coffee shop in the square of an untouched village and indulge yourselves in activities in river and lake Ladon.



## Day 6: Day trip to Mountainous Achaia



Visit Kalavrita, a village of great historical 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". You will also have the chance to visit the unique Cave of lakes and Planitero, the springs of river Aroanios, a place surrounded by a dense plane-tree forest of exceptional beauty where you can taste trout.

### Optional:

- Transfer back to your car in Kalavrita with an optional stop at Mega Spileo Monastery in case you take the rack railway to Diakopto.

## Day 7: Rafting Lousios



Raft under the Lousios natural tunnel of trees, a 2nd degree of difficulty rafting descent inside a spectacular densely vegetated gorge. Discover the hidden natural wonders of the area, have fun whilst swimming and jumping in the crystal-clear waters starting from Lousios, continuing to Alfios River, and ending to the spectacular bridge of "Koukos". Take the ultimate selfie at the impressive waterfall of Vrodos, and enjoy your lunch at the picturesque village Karytena.



**What is included:**

- 4-hour outdoor activity (2-hour rafting)

**Day 8: Day trip to Mountainous Elis**

An off the beaten path road will lead you to Lagkadia village, where the heart of the Art of Stone and the Arcadian architecture beats. Explore the Foloi oak Forest, home of the mythical centaurs and the place where Hercules fulfilled his 4<sup>th</sup> Labor, and swim at the Nemouta waterfalls!

**Optional:**

- Guided hiking tour at the Foloi Oak forest
- Transfer and guided hiking to the Nemouta waterfalls

**Day 9: Farm-to-table experience**

Visit another traditional and well-kept village in the other side of the mountain and participate in a farm to table cooking class and lunch. In the afternoon, you will have the chance to enjoy your coffee and drinks at a very beautiful farm and natural playground.

**Optional:**

- Guided tour of the traditional workshop, the food preparation area, the cookware museum and the library.
- Veggie 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 10: Boat trip in the Corinthian Gulf**



As an extra, on your way back to Athens, take a half or a full day boat tour in the Corinthian Gulf with a high possibility to watch the dolphins. Discover tiny islands, untouched beaches, small fishing settlements with fresh fish and authentic taverns; archaeological sites by the water, such as the sanctuary dedicated to Goddess Hera; unique sights of interest, such as the Melagkavi Lighthouse, and Vouliagmeni Lake, connected with the sea by a narrow canal. Instead of returning to Athens, you can continue your vacation by the sea in Northern Peloponnese.

#### **Optional:**

- Half or full-day boat tour in the Corinthian Gulf
- Waterski lesson for kids in the lake
- SUP, sea scooter, wakeboard

#### **Accommodation options:**

This family package includes accommodation in:

- Studios, apartments & family suites in hotel/ guesthouse with breakfast





Possibility for an upgrade to:

- Mountain chalet with pool in the heart of the forest
- 5\* Mountain Resort with pool close to the town



**Additional Services** (upon request)

- Grocery delivery
- Chef or catering services
- Creative activities for children & baby-sitting led by a pedagogue
- Live music /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 [here](#).

## 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](#)**