**METEORA 'THE STONE FOREST'**

COURSE: PELION-VOLOS-LARISA-TRIKALA-KALAMPAKA

MEANS OF TRANSPORT: MINI BUS

Departure time: 07:00 Return time: 20:00

Departure from most points of Pelion and more specific Agios Ioannis, Mouresi - Tsagarada - Portaria-Makrinitza-Zagora-Afisso-Kala Nera.

A daily excursion that combines the unique experiences that Meteora the stone forest offers and the religious sentiment that the monasticism causes to you. The excursion in Meteora starts from Agios Ioannis via Hania with a small stop to Alikopetra in order to admire the panoramic view of the City of Argonauts, the beautiful Volos. Crossing Larissa and Trikala we reach Kalampaka. We drive

to a sloppy road in the rocks of Meteora and we visit 2 Monasteries. Usually we go to the monasteries of Agios Stefanos, Big Meteora, Varlaam or Agio Nikolao, depending on the day that excursion is occurred. Afterwards the visit to Meteora we go to a tavern in the Kastraki for a light dinner with a view of the rocks of Meteora.

We return again via Thessalia and reach late in the afternoon the city of Volos or Portaria and we stop for refreshment.

We arrive in the Agios Ioannis around in 20.00

- Transportation with bus
- Escort
- Meal in Kastraki or Kalampaka
- Entry to the monasteries
- Taxes

**PELION ROUND TRIP "HIRON THE CENTAURS"**

MEANS OF TRANSPORT: BUS

Departure time: 08:00 Return time: 18:30

Get to Know and live the magic that the ground of Kentauron and Argonauton offers you.

Departure from most points of Pelion and more specific Agios Ioannis-Mouresi-Tsagarada-Portaria-Makrinitza-Volos

Departure from Agios Ioannis towards Tsagarada, one of the biggest villages (of the 24 in Pelion) in the peninsula. Short walk and visit the square of Agia Paraskevi with the known plane tree of a thousand years old. Departure for Northern Pelion. On our way we admire hamlets like Xourichti, Lambinou, Kalamaki Propan where there are quarries that are named Propan or Pelion and their products are used for building work. If the horizon is clear you can see to the left islander cluster of Northern Sporades, Skiathos, Skopelos and Aloniso. Arrival at Milies and a short visit in the local church, which is famous for the religious wall paintings. We descend by bus to Vizitsa, one of the most popular villages for its mansion architecture and the traditional atmosphere of the village.

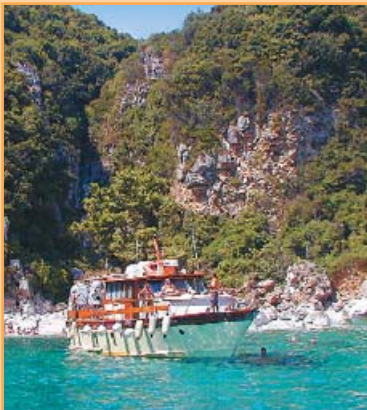
A coffee refreshment in the square of village under plane trees it will be one of the unique moments for visitors.

Following the seaside road we head for the city of Volos via Kala Nera, Malaki, Gatzea, Lechonia and Agria.

Arrival at the open archeological site of Dimini, known as ancient "Iolkos", just a few kilometers from Volos. Visit and enjoy.

The excavations until today have unearthed the civilization, the pottery trade and the wit of the ancient Greek people that blossomed many years before Christ in this region. Remember "the Expedition of the Argonauts" of King Pelias, Jason with one sandal etc. Departure for meal in a tsipouradiko in Volos.

Stop to Tsipouradika which are famous taverna's, where sea food and much more is served... cooked in a traditional way. Departure for Portaria and Makrinitza, the balcony villages of Pagasetic Gulf. We stop in Makrinitza for optional coffee/refreshment and short walk. We enjoy this unique moments... Departure for Agios Ioannis and late in the afternoon arrival at the center of the village. The excursion includes transport with bus, escort, the refreshments, lunch in Tsipouradiko and taxes.

**CRUISE IN THE PAGASETIC GULF**

MEANS OF TRANSPORT: BUS AND TRADITIONAL WOODEN BOAT

Departure time: 08:00 Return time: 19:00

Departure from the Agios Ioannis and via Tsagarada we reach the picturesquely village of Pagasetic gulf, Afisso. According to Greek mythology at the port of Afissos the Argonauts supplied their ships with water before they start their long journey to Kolhida, approaching the ancient city Afetes.

We continue our journey from the harbour of Afissos with south-eastern direction sailing to Pagasetic gulf close to coast to some of the most beautiful beaches of the area : Lefokastro, Kalamos, Pao, Horto and Milina.

The captain will select two-three points for your swimming

(Prasouda-Tzaseni etc) on our way to the island of Trikeri where we will have a light dinner in a tavern next to the sea.

We return taking north-eastern direction with destination to Lefokastro for the afternoon swimming and afterwards we sail for Kala Nera watching the sunset. A beautiful and unique picture.

In Kala Nera, in the coastal village of Pagasetic, you will finish your cruise reaching late the afternoon where it will wait for you the bus in order to transports us back to Agios Ioannis.

What includes: Transfer with bus from the Agios Ioannis to Afissos and return from Kala Nera to Agio Ioannis. Ticket for the cruise. Light dinner in the island Trikeri or in the deck.

The excursion includes: Transportation with bus, escort, meal in tavern or on the board and taxes.

**SMALL TRAIN OF PELION AND MILIES**

MEANS OF TRANSPORT: BUS AND TRAIN

Departure time: 08:30 Return time: 16:00

The excursion starts from most points of Pelion and more specific Horefto-Agios Ioannis- Mouresi-Tsagarada-Milina - Horto-Afissos-Koropi-Kala Nera and Ano Lehonina.

It is a daily excursion and gives you the opportunity to get to know and to travel with the famous small train of Pelion that was manufactured in 1895. With this tour you have the opportunity to enjoy a journey on the most characteristic railway tracks of the world, 60 cm width, a project known for its high aesthetics and morphological harmony of the structure. It has been manufactured from the Italian engineer Evaristo Nte Kiriko, father of famous painter Tzortzio Nte Kiriko. We visit the traditional villages of Pelion Vizitsa and Milies.

We leave from the Agios Ioannis and the first stop is Tsagarada

and Agia Paraskei. We continue our travel to Ano Lehonina. Reaching the station of Ano Lehonina we are boarding to the small train and the adventure with the 'moutzouri', duration of the journey 1 and 30 hour, starts. Reaching the railway station of Milies we follow a path towards the centre of village, we visiting the library and the church, and then we are boarding to the bus that has destination the village Vizitsa. In the Vizitsa we eat traditional dinner and visit traditional sight seeing. Early the afternoon return to Agios Ioannis

The excursion with the small train of Pelion can be occurred in combination with walking beginning with traditional breakfast in Agios Georgios Neillias, and walking to Pinakates. This version of the excursion it is described in the program Nature and Tradition from the Sea to the Mountain.

The excursion includes:

- Transportation with bus
- Escort
- Meal in tavern in Milies
- Ticket for the little train
- Taxes