



Join Napa Valley Wine Academy and Greek Grape Wine Tours (GGWT) for an world-class 6 day/7 night educational trip exploring the wines, wine regions and culture of Greece. Perfect for students of WSET Levels 2-4, CSW, FWS and Sommelier students who desire an immersive learning experience in these ancient but emerging wine regions. At the end of this trip, we guarantee you will have a much broader understanding of not only the regions we visit and the varietals we taste, but also the history and role Greek wines play in past and present Greek culture. To develop this understanding, we will visit 4 of the major wine regions over the week.

While ambitious, it is important to experience these unique regions because, from a wine growing perspective, they are so vastly different.

Our study trips are virtually all-inclusive. We have taken the stress out of planning a trip on your own so that you can sit back, enjoy your trip and focus 100% on learning about Greece and its glorious wine.

You will taste a large number of wines on our visits to producers and over meals. Improve your wine tasting skills by tasting with our guides and wine producers themselves.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Visit to vine nursery NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC to tour and taste ancient and future varieties of Greece.
- Stunning settings and over 100 wines to be tasted.
- An ancient wine civilization enjoying newfound praise and attention for its winemakers and wines.
- Award-winning Greek wine tour company and award-winning wine school partner to host and lead you through four magnificent wine regions of Greece. ...and much more

GREECE STUDY TRIP ITINERARY 2022

SUNDAY, MAY 15

- Arrive in Thessaloniki and check into 5-star Excelsior Hotel right in the city center.
- Optional afternoon walking tour of Thessaloniki.
- Meet in the hotel and walk to our Welcome Dinner of traditional dishes.

MONDAY, MAY 16

- Breakfast in hotel
- Country and regional overview led by Professor Stefanos Koundouras, School of Agriculture of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki.
- Guided tasting of key producers and varieties.
- Lunch with Professor Koundouras.
- Visit and tasting at Gerovassiliou Winery in nearby Epanomi.
- Evening on your own

TUESDAY, MAY 17

- Breakfast in hotel
- Depart to the important regions of Naoussa and Amyndeon.
- Stay in Naoussa.
- Visit Alpha Estate. Alpha is considered one of the most cutting edge producers in Greece with the most technologically advanced vineyards in the viticulture world.
- Owner led tour and tasting with the highly revered winemaker, Angelos Latridis.
- Lunch afterwards at one of the most famous tavernas in the North.
- Evening on your own.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18

- Breakfast at hotel
- Visit Kir-Yianni Estate. Kir-Yianni was established by Yiannis Boutaris, one of the leading figures in the Greek wine industry and now mayor of Thessaloniki. Son Stellios now runs this producer of premium Xinomavro grown at the highest point in Naoussa.
- Stellios will guide us through his wine as we enjoy more epicurean regional delights.
- Evening in Naoussa on your own

THURSDAY, MAY 19

- Breakfast at hotel
- Fly to Athens to learn more about the wines of Attica, Nemea and Mantinia.
- Lunch with Stamatis Mylonas, founder and winemaker of Mylonas Winery in Attica.
- Overview of the important region of Attica and the important history of the Savatiano grape and the role Retsina has played in the Greek wine world.
- Stay in Athens for the night and enjoy an evening on your own.

FRIDAY, MAY 20

- Breakfast at hotel
- Visit Wine & Spirits Professional Center for a MasterClass on the wines from the Nemea, Mantinia and Santorini regions and an extensive tasting of key producers and varietals.
- Traditional lunch at a nearby taverna with wine.
- Enjoy the remainder of the day exploring Athens.

SATURDAY, MAY 21 (Exploring the older soils of Barolo)

- Breakfast at hotel
- visit to Domaine Skouras in Nemea. George Skouras is considered the 'Robert Mondavi' of Greece. Currently the president of the Greek Wine Federation
- Enjoy a visit to their facility and an extensive tasting and lunch in the cellar.
- Visit Bakasietas Nursery, Greece's premier viticultural nursery which is not open to the public.
- Exclusive nursery tour and a tasting of ancient and future varietals as well as several different new clones.
- Farewell dinner in Athens!

SUNDAY, MAY 22 Check Out / Departures

***IMPORTANT** this itinerary subject to change: every effort is made to keep the itinerary as close as possible to what appears above; however, the final itinerary and wineries/ winemakers included may vary due to wine producer schedules, availability, and factors beyond our control. The wine producers visited during this trip will all be of the highest quality.

THIS TRIP IS LIMITED TO TWELVE (12) TRAVELLERS

Cost: \$3,999**

Save \$250 if you register by November 30th

TRIP FEES INCLUDE:

- 7 nights deluxe accommodations in Thessaloniki, Naoussa and Athens
- Private VIP ground transportation in all regions
- 1 domestic flight (Thessaloniki to Athens) including one checked bag
- Two Master Classes and guided tastings with two of Greece's top wine educators
- 6 private visits with top wineries and vineyards, including in-depth tastings on all key varietals
- Over 100 wines tasted during the week, not including ones enjoyed during meals
- All breakfasts
- 6 gourmet wine focused lunches
- Welcome and farewell dinners paired with outstanding wines from top producers
- All tips and local taxes

NOT INCLUDED -International travel arrangements to and from Greece or travel insurance.

*Based on current exchange rate of 1.22. Although not predicted, cost is subject to change based on any significant currency fluctuations

**There is a US \$720 supplement if you are traveling by yourself. This cost is to cover the cost of single-room occupancy at the hotel.

Payment 1: Deposit at booking: \$1,500

Payment 2: 90 days from start: \$2,000

Payment 3: 60 days from start: \$499 (plus single supplement if applicable)

Are you ready to join us in Greece for the wine tour of a lifetime?

Fill out registration form and we will contact you for payment information and confirmation of your seat on the Greece 2022 Wine Education Abroad Tour!

SECURE YOUR SPOT NOW!