



## **THOUSAND AND ONE NIGHTS CLASSIC**

### **11th Edition: THE GREECE OF METEORES**

**Sunday 10 to Sunday 17 October 2021**

Meteors will be asteroids fallen from the sky and suspended above the earth, says the legend. If the legend is more beautiful than the reality, print the legend, said John Ford. So let's forget that these are the remains of gigantic rock masses barring the mouth of a mighty river 60 million years ago, let us admire these extraordinary peaks inhabited by monks from the 11th century, today counting 6 monasteries in activity, but also open to the modern world.

Meteora will lend their mysterious name to our Mille & Une Nuits Classic 2021 which will leave and return, not far from Athens, at the Grecotel Cape Sounio, a beautiful hotel overlooking the temple of Poseidon with a breathtaking view of Cape Sounio (the Sacred Cape of 'Athens) but very close to the big city if you want to sightsee there, before or after the rally.

#### **DIDN'T SEE ZEUS?**

Less well-known than the rest of the country, Northern Greece is a land between the Mediterranean and mountains, harsh and generous, current and eternal, a thousand place from a country-museum, despite its historical and archaeological heritage. It has remained wild, more austere, less frequented by tourists, and only presents more attractions.

Our Meteora rally will dive for a week in the heart of forests, mountains, often with the sea or a lake in the background, sometimes on either side. And of course, the throne of Zeus, the majestic Mount Olympus never far away ... If the chances of crossing Zeus on the way are reduced, the flora (more than 1,700 species) and the fauna (32 species of mammals and 108 birds ) will be on our wild and deserted roads, with very nice places for regularity stages, and others pleasant for tourism ...

### **PROGRAM**

(8 days & 7 nights - subject to possible modifications that do not alter the spirit of the event)

#### **Sunday October 10 - Arrival Athens**

Grecotel Cape Sounio hotel near the beach. Technical and administrative controls at the hotel. Welcome dinner.

#### **Monday October 11 - 1st Stage - Cape Sounio / Kamena Vourla - 292 Km.**

We leave Athens and civilization for the forests and a world very quickly becoming much wilder. Lunch in a park in the middle of the forest. Dinner and overnight at the Mitsis Galini hotel in the heart of the marine thermal baths.

**Tuesday October 12 - Stage 2 - Kamena Vourla / Kalampaka - 290 Km.**

After some beautiful stages between lakes and forests. « Just for your Eyes » - Meteora, the landscapes seem to be cut up in dizzying loaves of sugar planted on a vast expanse of greenery, forming a fantastic setting. We may have seen many photos, or the James Bond that takes place there, heard friends describe this unusual place many times, we are still amazed when we discover Meteora for the first time. Dinner and overnight at the Divani Meteora hotel.



**Wednesday October 13 - Stage 3 - Kalampaka / Metsovo - 180 Km.**

Superb winding stage connecting Meteora to Metsovo, which displays a little Swiss air with its stone houses enhanced with woodwork. You are in the heart of Epirus, a thousand leagues from sunny beaches. People come to this stronghold to smell the scent of mountain Greece, with a character steeped in the harsh climate, but also to explore the noble heights around. Dinner and overnight at the Grand Forest & Spa hotel.



**Thursday October 14 - Stage 4 - Metsovo / Karpnisi - 310 Km.**

Between lakes, mountains and the Mediterranean - Beauties that will make you dizzy. Montana & Spa Hotel perched on Mount Tymfristo.

**Friday October 15 - Stage 5 - Karpnisi / Delphi - 230 Km.**

Nice half-stage to reach the small fishing port of Galaxidi, where we will leave you free for lunch (full of small typical restaurants in the port) and the afternoon. You can choose to stroll by the sea for sightseeing or join Delphi directly. Hotel Elatos and Spa, small individual chalets in the heart of Mount Parnos.

**Saturday October 16 - Stage 6 - Delphi / Athens - 120 Km**

Last kilometers with 2 regularity tests along the sea before returning to Athens. Lunch and free afternoon. Prize-Giving Dinner and overnight at Grecotel Cape Sounio hotel.

A total of 1,603 km, including 21 regularity races representing 250 km.

A broom wagon, a broom truck and 2 specialized mechanics follow you. A van transports the luggage of those who wish, from the morning to the evening hotel. We also have a doctor with us.

The classifications of the regularity events are provided by BLUNIK and Josep Carreras.



**TAKE CARE:** Participants of the 2020 edition - postponed due to the Corona virus - have agreed to defer their participation. If you wish to join us, it will not be long before you register and make the pre-commitment payment, because with the postponements of operations in Greece from 2020, finding hotel rooms available for October 2021 will be quite difficult, so to get them we have to block them as soon as possible.

**NOTE:** "Northern Greece" is a more austere land, less known to tourists, it suffered from the economic crisis in Greece: Please note that some hotels (except Athens), even being classified 5 stars, are not always comparable to the very luxurious ones where we stayed in the Peloponnese in 2017. As usual, we took the best in each stopover city. The main attraction of this region is not luxury and gastronomy but the meteors and its marvelous secluded, wild and beautiful landscapes.

### **ACCEPTED CATEGORIES**

Years 40, 50, 60, 70 and 80, + some modern prestige in a separate classification.

### **HOW MUCH DOES IT COST ?**

From Sunday 10 to Sunday 17 October, price for 2 people and 1 car = 7,600.00 Euros including:

- ❖ 7 nights in a double room with breakfast in all the hotels on the route.
- ❖ All meals except 2 free lunches on Friday and Saturday noon.
- ❖ Medical security.
- ❖ Mechanical assistance (1 car and 1 broom truck)
- ❖ Comfort insurance: Transportation (optional) of your luggage from one hotel to another.
- ❖ Paper road-book, Tripy road-book for those who request it, maps, logbooks, table of averages, race numbers, rally plates, times, classifications ...
- ❖ Guarding and security of the parking lots of your vehicles.
- ❖ Insurance in addition to yours.
- ❖ Gifts, Prize-giving evening. Trophies ...

Pre-commitment = 2,500 Euros to be deducted from your final commitment, and allowing us to confirm your registration (see paragraph "Attention"). 2nd installment = 2,500 Euros, no later than June 15, 2021.

Balance of your registration and possible options = No later than September 1, 2021.

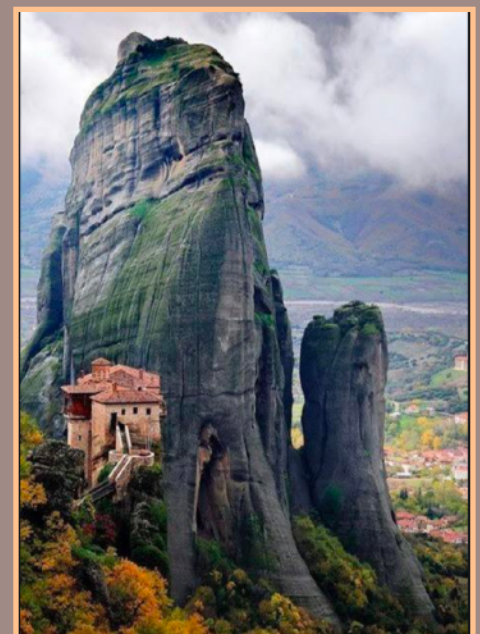
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## TERMS OF CANCELLATION

- Until 04/01 ➤ We will keep 800 Euros in administration fees.
- Until 06/01 ➤ 30% of amounts due.
- Until 01/07 ➤ 50% of amounts due.
- Until 08/01 ➤ 80% of sums due.
- After 02/08 ➤ 100% of the sums due.

## HOW TO GET THERE ?

To go to Greece, you have 2 options:

Option 1 (Optional) - Transport of your old one in specialized trucks by the company GSR Transport Automobiles, our partner for 10 years. The car is loaded at your home and dropped off at the rally HQ hotel, where it will be collected after the event, to drop off at your home. Round trip transport of your old one = 3,250 Euros. Collection of vehicles in the regions of Paris, Calais, Strasbourg, Zurich, Bale, Lyon, Dijon, Niort, Troyes, Saarbrucken, Madrid, Barcelona - Other destinations, contact us). Each truck carries 8 or 9 cars, has its cargo insured up to a total value of 360,000 Euros. Your insurer can take out additional insurance if you wish. In the case of this option, you come to Athens by plane on your own. We will be expecting you at the rally hotel no later than Sunday 11 October afternoon. Re-departure from Sunday, October 18 in the morning.

Option 2 - Self-care from your home to the Lagonissi Resort.

## HOTEL OPTIONS

Additional nights before or after the rally at Grecotel Cape Sounio and Spa (5 stars)

- Deluxe category = 275 Euros.
- Suite category = 455 Euros.

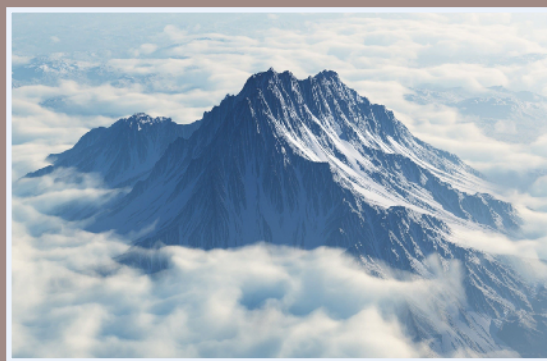
Single supplement for the whole rally = 1.950 Euros.

Upgrade to Junior Suite throughout the rally = 2.150 Euros.

Registration open = From now on using the attached registration form.

See you soon, perhaps, for new adventures ...

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