

MILLE & Une Nuits CLASSIC 11th Edition: THE GREECE OF METEORES Sunday 08 to Sunday 15 October 2023

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** 2023 which will leave and return, not far from Athens, at 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 08 - Arrival Athens

Hotel near the beach. Technical and administrative controls at the hotel. Welcome dinner.

Monday October 09 - 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 hotel in the heart of the marine thermal baths.

Tuesday October 10- Stage 2 - Kamena Vourla / Larissa - 245 Km.

After some beautiful stages between lakes, forests, and small stone villages. Dinner and overnight at the hotel.

Wednesday October 11 - Stage 3 - Larissa / Metsovo - 230 Km.

Free morning for Meteora where the landscapes seem to be cut into vertiginous sugar loaves planted on a vast expanse of greenery, forming a fantastic backdrop. We may have seen many photos, or the James Bond film that takes place there (For Your Eyes Only), heard friends describe this extraordinary



place many times, but we are still amazed when we discover Meteora for the first time.

Then, a superb winding stage linking Meteora to Metsovo, which displays a little air of Switzerland with its stone houses enhanced with woodwork. You are in the heart of Epirus, a thousand miles from sunny beaches. We come to this stronghold to smell the perfume of a mountainous Greece, with a character tempered by the rigors of the climate, but also to explore the noble heights around. Dinner and overnight at the hotel.



Thursday October 12 - Stage 4 - Metsovo / Karpenisi - 310 Km.

Between lakes, mountains and the Mediterranean - Beauties that will make you dizzy.

Hotel perched on Mount Tymfristo.

Friday October 13 - Stage 5 - Karpenisi / 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 in the heart of Mount Parnos.

Saturday October 14 - 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 hotel.

A total of 1,608 km, including 21 regularity races representing 255 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 **Gemma & Esther Carreras.**





NOTE: "Northern Greece" is a more austere land, less known to tourists. 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 08 to Sunday 15 October, price for 2 people and 1 car = 8,500.00 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, 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 registratio. 2nd installment = 2,500 Euros, no later than June 1, 2023.

Balance of your registration and possible options = No later than September 1, 2023.

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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 = 3,400 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 08 October afternoon. Re-departure from Sunday, October 15 in the morning.

Option 2 - Self-care from your home to Athens.

HOTEL OPTIONS

Additional nights before or after the rally:

- ➤ Deluxe category = 395 Euros.
- ➤ Suite category = 495 Euros.

Single supplement for the whole rally = 2.155 Euros.

Upgrade to Junior Suite throughout the rally = 2.50 Euros.

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

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

Fenouil, Puce & l'équipe de Sables Chauds











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