

Tuesday, 29/7 – Thalia,



Schedule

8:00 Breakfast
 10:00 Merkouri Winery
 12:00 Swimming
 14:00 Katakolo
 15:00 Lunch
 17:00 Return
 19:00 Comedy evening
 21:00 Dinner

of Comedy

Muse Thalia is the muse for comedy and merrymaking... Therefore we're going to see what a comedy was like in ancient Greek plays.

Merkouri Winery

The "Merkouri Winery" was founded in 1860 by Theodoros Merkouris and it's been working since as a wine / alcohol industry. The winery produces a wide variety of wines and a lot of them have been awarded and appreciated internationally. It is situated in Korakochoi (this means village of crows) a small village surrounded by vineyards not so far from Katakolo, that we are also visiting.

Katakolo

About 25 kilometers away from Ancient Olympia, Katakolo is situated in the area of ancient Fia and today's harbor of the county's capital, Pyrgos. It's a quite turistic town with a lot of shops, bars and traditional restaurants.

St. Andreas

The bay of St. Andreas is by Katakolo. On the nearby hill are the ruins of the fortress, "Pontikokastro", another powerfull fortress at the time of Belardouins. St. Andreas is the ideal place for someone to relax and have a drink while watching the sunset.

Wednesday, 30/7 –



Terpsichore,

muse of Dance

Schedule

8:00 Breakfast
 9:00 Departure
 12:00 Zakynthos
 14:00 Lunch
 15:00 Swimming
 19:00 Dance evening
 21:00 Dinner

Muse Terpsichore is another daughter of Zeus and Mnemosyne. Terpsichore was the Muse of Dance and the dramatic chorus, hence the English word "terpsichorean" or dancer. According to some traditions, she is the mother of the Sirens with the river-god Achelous.



After leaving the camping site, we are now proceeding to Phase 2 of our Su. We have chosen Zakynthos for you, one of the most popular islands in Greece. We are going to stay in Kalamaki, just by the sea!

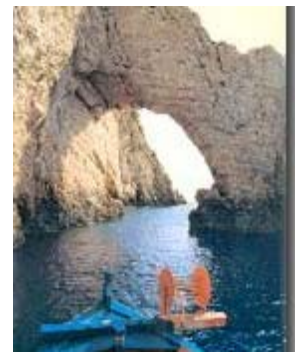


Zakynthos

It is the southernmost and third largest in both size and population of the Ionian Islands. During the era of Homer and the Trojan War, the island of Zakynthos formed part of the kingdom of Odysseus,

king of Ithaca.

An island full of contrasts, Zakynthos consists of mainly woodland, with an abundance of pine tree covered mountains and fertile plains.



In the north, east and south numerous picturesque beaches can be found, whereas in the west the imposing, rocky landscape has a number of sea caves such as the famous Blue Caves on the north-west of the island

collections that have been donated to the museum.

✓ Museum of Xenopoulos

The Museum houses personal belongings of the writer, manuscripts and publications of his work as well as a rich collection of photographs. The upper floor of the museum houses period furniture and several objects from Xenopoulos' family house.



Thursday, 31/7 – Efterpe, muse

Schedule

8:00 Breakfast
10:00 Museum Visit
13:00 Lunch
15:00 Marine Park
19:00 Music evening
21:00 Dinner

of Music

Muse Euterpe is the muse of lyric poetry and music, particularly the flute, which she invented. This Muse's name means "Delight" and indeed she brings delight and joy to those favored by her.

Museums of Zakynthos

✓ Byzantine Museum

The museum houses a rich collection of portable icons, a true panorama of ecclesiastical painting from the Byzantine years up to the 19th century, with about a thousand religious paintings by post-Byzantine, Ionian and Zakynthian artists.



✓ The museum of Solomos



In the entrance is a piece of the bush, in the shadow of which Solomos was inspired to write "Ode to Liberty" in May 1823 which later became the Greek national anthem. The upper floor contains objects that had

belonged to the great poet and other distinguished Zakynthian scholars as well as



Environment



Zakynthos is particularly rich in terms of flora and fauna. The high rainfall has created a vibrant environment of trees and forests, with a wide range of rare flowers and plants. The Zakynthos environment has become an object of international interest because the loggerhead turtle *Caretta-caretta*, an endangered species protected by international conventions and by Greek legislation lays its eggs on the island's southern shores. With the sole purpose of protecting this rare species, the National Marine Park was created in the Laganas Bay. Also, on the steep western shores of the island the Mediterranean monk seal *Monachus-monachus* lives and breeds, a species also protected by Greek law.

National Marine Park of Zakynthos

The Marine Park contains areas that are representative of the Mediterranean and island ecosystems. Sandy beaches, sand dunes, wetlands and rocky outcrops can be found in the core protection area, while the land terrain characteristic is that of forests and agriculture. The Park's objectives are to preserve the natural environment and conserve



the ecological balance of the marine and coastal area of the Bay of Laganas and of the Strophadia Islands.

So now it lies in the middle of a sandy beach that can only be accessed by sea. It's definitely worth to see!



Friday, 1/8 – Kalliope, muse of epic poetry

Schedule

8:00 Breakfast
10:00 Boat trip
19:00 Epic poetry evening
21:00 Dinner

Muse Calliope is the oldest and most distinguished of the nine traditional Muses and is identified with epic poetry. "Calliope" means "beautiful voice".

We have a great surprise for you today! A boat trip around the island! This will be a chance for you to see all the beautiful beaches of Zakynthos, not only popular and crowded beaches, but also rocky shores and the famous shipwreck.

The shipwreck of Zakynthos



weather on the coast to the north of the island at Porto Vromi.

Here's the story... In 1982, a freighter was pursued by the Greek Navy. The crew were suspected of smuggling contraband and the navy chased the ship through the Ionian sea. Allegedly there was 'wine, tobacco and women' on board and the chase came to an abrupt end when the ship ran aground in stormy



Saturday, 2/8 – Erato, muse of love poetry

Schedule

8:00 Breakfast
10:00 Bus tour
15:00 Lunch
18:00 Love poetry evening
21:00 Dinner

Muse Erato is associated with Love Poetry and her name means "Lovely." Today is the day if you feel like getting romantic. You can write an erotic poem to the person of your desire and you'll have the excuse of just practicing the subject of the day!

Today we have another attraction for you. Going around the island again, but this time with a bus! Here are some of the places you will see, so get ready!

✓ *Keri*

Referred to by Herodotus it is an area that combines the sea, pine forests,



valleys and streams. Tradition and culture blossomed alongside the natural beauty and with this came tourism which today makes Keri one of the highest quality tourist destinations on the island as it combines all the

desirable elements of nature, tradition and culture.

✓ *Tsilivi*

Originally a small resort, it has expanded in recent years and



become THE place to stay for lively exciting holidays without moving away from its traditional Greek heritage. The resort is set amongst olive groves and vineyards and its special features include a golden sandy beach that is worthy of its Blue Flag reward.



Sunday, 3/8 – No lectures

today!

Phase 3 begins! Moving along to Patras, the final phase of the SU. As we did with the previous places, we'll give you some info about Patras too.

Schedule

8:00 Breakfast
12:00 Departure
16:00 Lunch
17:00 Settling/Rest
21:00 Dinner
22:00 Pub Crawling



Patras is the capital of the region or prefecture.

It owes its name to Patreas, chief of the Achaians. The city is among the most important in Greece, and the largest in the Peloponnese. It is also a major transportation centre, linking the country with Italy and the Peloponnese with the Ionian islands. The city extends from the shore up to the Castle. It is divided into two parts, the upper and the lower, whose layout, parks and squares give it a definite distinction.

The old city, at the foot of the castle, still has quite a number of attractive neoclassical houses, while the lower city has many mansions, such as

those housing the Municipal Theatre, the Odeon, etc. The Cathedral of St. Andrew, the city's patron, rises



majestically above the lower city. To the left of it stands an older church built on the site of a Byzantine church that was destroyed the Turks.

Also, Patras is considered to be the homeland of traditional shadow play the city where Karagiozis became truly Greek. The indisputable shadow puppet player of all times was Dimitrios Sardounis or "Mimaros", the so a chanter at Saint Andreas church



Monday, 4/8 – Urania, muse of astronomy

Schedule

9:00 Breakfast
11:00 Achaia Clauss
12:00 Astronomy
14:00 Lunch
16:00 City Rally
19:00 Free time
21:00 Dinner
23:00 Astronomy

Muse Urania, daughter of Zeus and Mnemosune is the protector of astronomy and sciences. Her name means "Heavenly" because Urania raises her disciples to heavenly heights

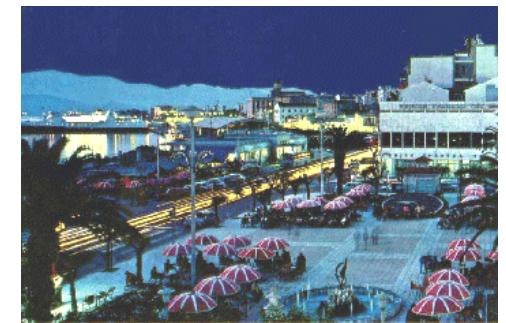


Achaia Clauss

Achaia Clauss was founded in 1855 by Gustav Clauss and is the oldest winery in Greece, situated on the top of a hill and enclosed in walls. Its facilities are built with such attention to detail that the establishment is often referred to as an industrial design exemplar. Its products are currently exported in 46 countries around the world and its most famous wine is Mavrodafne (delicious, believe me!). It was named after a Greek girl, Dafne that the owner of the company was in love with.

Other places we will visit today

The Municipal Theater, "Apollon" in George A' square is a copy of Milano's Scala and was constructed by architect Tsiler in 1827. Also in



the centre of the city one can find the Archaeological Museum, the Library, the City Hall and numerous neoclassical buildings. The most central squares of Patra include one of Psila Alonia, with the very tall phoenixes and the sundial, that of National Resistance (or Olgas square), and that of Trion Summaxon (Three Allies) near the port with the garden-clock.