# Mediterranean Gastronomy Academy Weekly Program

# 19 June - 31 August 2025



# Participation Information

Group Size: Up to 6 participants Hours: 14:00 – 19:00 Instructors: Local artisans & producers Daily participation cost: 100€ per person Weekly participation cost: 480€ per person Note: Transportation to destinations and Dinner costs are included in the price Gift: Souvenir gift + participant's handcrafted items

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# Pottery & Cooking with Ceramics

Introduction to the Pottery Wheel and its Tools Practical workshop on the Wheel and Ceramic Art Overview of the Pottery History of Lesvos isl. and a brief presentation on Traditional Ceramics, their uses, and decorative patterns Revival of cooking in a Wood-fired Oven using Ceramic Vessels Preparation of a tasting Dinner featuring ouzo, olive oil, and rusks

# Ouzo & Distillation of Plomari

Visit to the Plomari Giannatsis Distillery (3 km distance)

- Introduction to the world of Lesbos Distillation
- Information on the operation of the Distillation Still and the production of ouzo
- Participation in the production and Bottling Process of ouzo
- Return to the Mediterranean Gastronomy Academy for an educational ouzo tasting with traditional appetizers

#### Aromatic Plants & Local Cuisine

Visit the Sedounta River – Presentation and collection of the Wild Aromatic Plants (5 km distance)

Highlighting the importance of Aromatic Plants for the quality of ouzo, olive oil, and bread

- Return to the Mediterranean Gastronomy Academy for the processing and packaging of aromatic plants
- Information on the use of aromatic seeds in the local cuisine
- Preparation of a traditional dinner with local aromatic appetizers

# Traditional Weaving & Dining

Introduction to local Weaving Art - wool preparation - Use of the spindle and loom

Information on plant-based wool dyes

Weaving training on old looms and individual looms

Presentation of traditional woven items and their uses

## The Olive Grove & Olive Oil Mill of "Eirini Plomari"



Visit and tour of the Olive Grove and the Olive Oil Mill of "Eirini Plomari" (5 km distance)

- - Information on olive harvesting and olive oil production at the Mill Olive oil tasting and packaging
  - Return to the Mediterranean Gastronomy Academy for an in-depth discussion on the importance of olive oil for humanity
    - Dinner with local appetizers based on olive oil

## Traditional Lesbian Painting on Ceramic Vessels

Introduction to ancient painting on ceramic vessels

Detailed presentation of traditional patterns on ceramics

Training in folk painting on handmade ceramic pebbles

- Information on the use of ceramics for the storage and preservation of olives and olive oil
- Dinner and an educational tasting of local olive oil, ouzo, and rusks

#### Review & Festive Dinner

Review of the week's activities

- Tasting of olive oil, rusks, and other local condiments Kneading bread with sourdough and Baking in the Wood-fired Oven Cooking with ceramic vessels in a wood oven
- Preparation of a festive dinner

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