

Join us on an unforgettable tour to familiarize ourselves with mount Pelion, home of the mythical centaurs! A mountain so beautiful that ,as the myth says, it was chosen by the 12 Olympian Gods as a summer residence!

As a highlight, we shall visit one of the oldest (13th century), most charming and unspoiled villages of mount Pelion and that is **Agios Lavrentios**!

We shall visit the historic monastery of Agios Lavrentios (13th century) which acted as a driving force for the development of the homonymous village.

We shall have the chance to stroll around its lovely stone paved paths, admire the marvelous mansions' architecture, rest our eyes in lush vegetation, our ears in roaring waters, enjoy breathtaking views over the Pagaseticos gulf where green meets deep blue!

One of the very few traditional-medieval greek villages where No cars and No motorcycles are allowed! For those interested, we shall have a chance to acquaint ourselves with the famous -for their power and endurance- Thessalian horses. Alexander the Great's horse **Buchefalus**, was thought to be a Thessalian breed! We shall finally enjoy our sumptuous dinner at the village's main square, under the hundred years old plane trees!



We depart at 15:00 from **Volos** University premises by bus to **Agios Lavrentios village** (27 km, approximately 40 minutes ride, elevating at 600 meters altitude. We better bring some extra light clothing in case it feels breezy!). We shall pay a half an hour visit to the monastery. We have to **respect** the clothing policy (that would be skirt + covered shoulders-back for the ladies and trousers for the gentlemen)

We shall have our nice walk around the village for, approximately, one hour (comfortable, non-slip shoes are necessary!)

Finally we shall have our freshly cooked traditional dinner at the main piazza. At, approximately, 21:30 we return by bus to Volos city. The exact time and place of departure from Volos to be announced during the conference.





"PELION" OPTIONAL TOUR INFO

WHEN: **Monday the 10th of April 2017** at ,approx, 15:00 (exact time to be finalized later on) PRICE PER PERSON: 30 euros (only cash paid at the conference reception desk) WHAT IS INCLUDED:

- -Transportation with A/C bus Volos Agios Lavrentios Volos
- -Sightseeing with a local guide.
- -Traditional 4 course dinner menu (drinks included choice of house wine or beer or soft drinks). There will be a choice of cooked beef or pork or goat for the main course. Should you wish a vegetarian meal (can be fish or pasta or cooked vegetables like stuffed tomatoes etc) please let us know well in advance to arrange the proper supplies.

MINIMUM PARTICIPANCY: 30 persons

REGISTRATION – QUERIES: Via e-mail to Mr Stamatis Vassalos: <u>stamvassalos@gmail.com</u> by **Monday the 6**th of February 2017.

So bring your cameras, your friendly spirit and we shall all enjoy a memorable journey back in time!