



Peter Schultz, Importer presents

The 2023 Mistra Estates Adventure! 2 - 9 October 2023

Each November – in the foothills of Mount Taygetos, overlooking the fabled city of ancient Sparta – Mr. Eugene Ladopoulos and his family prepare to harvest and press the season's olive crop. Centuries-old wild stock line green hills where locals continue a tradition of sustainable production that extends unbroken to the Bronze Age

Once the ancient trees are relieved of their fruit, it is pressed and the Ladopoulos family's liquid gold is left to rest and settle, the process guided only by the forces of gravity and nature. It is this timeless practice, this love of good things, that binds us together and allows us to celebrate the fruits of this vanishing tradition in our own little corner of the world.

For 15 years, we've been celebrating Mistra Estates olive oil – but the place, its caretakers, and their ancient practices have remained little more than an interesting backstory.

Next October – just a few months before harvest – we will pay homage to this precious tradition with a pilgrimage to the orchards, we will touch 700 year old vines, we will eat wild boar stew with local shepherd, and we will marvel at the landscapes that have inspired poets for millennia

We want to *know* this place – not just what it gives us – but what it means: its smells, sights, and passions.

If you're reading this, then you're either already a Mistra Estates patron and devotee, or you're a person with a unique appreciation for culture, for travel, for food, or for the unexplored. Either way, you're a bon vivant, a philosopher, an artist, and more

For those reasons, I'd be honored if you'd join me 2-9 October 2023 on an excursion to explore Southern Greece – off the beaten path.

We will begin in Athens, then travel to Mistrás where we'll tour the groves and explore Sparta oil culture. Exploration of Byzantine castles, ancient ruins and VIP tours by museum scholars will follow. A little flirtation with Peloponnese viticulture and then we're off to the medieval fortress of Monemvasia and the untouched paths of deep Greece

We designed this trip to be a guided tour for the seasoned traveler – going out of our way to find hidden gems and to explore well-known sites with preeminent scholars.

Please let us know you'd like to join us for this adventure!

Cost:

\$2679 per person, for double occupancy; \$495 single occupancy surcharge.

This fee includes most meals, all transportation and tolls, all entrance fees, and all lodging. Liz and Peter's brilliant guiding is gratis. LOL! Airfare is not included, but it may be possible to secure group rates if enough parties confirm early. TBD, but we'll keep everyone informed. To secure your seat, please send Peter your deposit of \$979/person. Checks can go to Aegean Imports, LLC 1217 Elm Street South Moorhead, MN 56560. Venmo (preferred) at @Peter-Schultz-Importer. PayPal invoices also available. **Deposits are due 30 September 2022.** First come, first served!