



Peter Schultz, Importer presents . . . .

## The 2022 Mistra Estates/Sparta Adventure! 10-17 October 2022

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, Peter and Liz would be honored if you'd join us 10-17 October 2022 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:**

**\$2479 per person, for double occupancy accommodations.; \$395 single occupancy surcharge.**

**\*Airfare 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 \$879/person. First come, first served!**