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PROGRAMME

Thursday, 03 July 2014

19:30 - 22:30 **WELCOME DINNER**
"Mythos of the Sea" seaside restaurant, Divani Apollon Palace & Spa

Friday, 04 July 2014

08:00 - 09:00 Registration

09:00 - 09:30 **OFFICIAL OPENING**

09:30 - 11:00 **CONFERENCE SESSIONS**

11:00 - 11:30 Coffee Break

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13:30 - 14:30 Lunch at the Conference Venue

14:30 - 18:00 **FREE TIME**

18:00 Departure from the hotel for guided tour and dinner at the Acropolis Museum

20:30 **NETWORKING DINNER** - Acropolis Museum
(after dinner enjoy a walk around Plaka squares and experience Athens by night...!!!)

24:00 Bus departs from Plaka to the hotel

Saturday, 05 July 2014

09:00 - 11:00 **CONFERENCE SESSIONS**

11:00 - 11:30 Coffee Break

11:30 - 13:00 **CONFERENCE SESSIONS - CLOSING SESSIONS**

13:30 Departure from the hotel to Sounio

14:00 - 17:00 Lunch in a traditional Greek restaurant with view to the Temple of Poseidon and guided tour to Cape Sounio

17:30 Return to the hotel

19:00 Departure from the hotel for the Gala Dinner

20:00 - until late **GALA DINNER** at the Island Club Restaurant, dance under the Greek sunset

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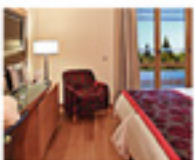
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APOLLON SUITES HOTEL

The Apollon Suites Hotel in Athens is located next to Divani Apollon Palace & Thalasso in the beautiful Athenian Riviera. A member of the Leading Hotels of the World this luxurious suites hotel in Vouliagmeni offers the essence of European Elegance. Guests of Apollon Suites have the privilege to access all facilities of Divani Apollon Palace & Thalasso such as the beautiful bay views, the pleasure of the private beach, the memorable restaurants and the award winning SPA in Athens.



CONFERENCE VENUE

With more than 2,500 m² of available space, most with natural light and an experienced attentive staff, even the most complex meeting or event is guaranteed to be an absolute success. The endless blue of the sea and beautiful natural surroundings of the Hotel make an ideal backdrop for any special event.



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Welcome Dinner at "Mythos of the Sea" Restaurant

In the magic "Mythos of the Sea", the haute cuisine and breathtaking view to Kavouri bay make for a unique dining experience. Located on the beach in front of the Divani Apollon Palace & Thalasso, Mythos of the Sea restaurant radiates a romantic ambiance surpassed only by the exquisite cuisine. Guests dining on the open-air deck can enjoy a magnificent view of the sea, with direct access to the bay through a short tunnel under the road. A few steps from the Conference Hall, "Mythos of the Sea" is the best place to spend our first night altogether!



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Guided Tour & Networking Dinner at the Acropolis Museum

More and more of the hundreds of thousands visitors to the Acropolis Museum are rediscovering the lure of the works of the ancient world and enjoying the grandeur of the sculptures of classical Greece. The Museum's objective is to transform such enthusiasm into a more substantial relationship between visitors and this ancient cultural heritage which has remained an inspiration for over 25 centuries.

In the past year the Museum once again coordinated all its operations with the visitor as central reference point. Using many different strategies the museum attempts to make visitors real participants in its research program on the interpretation and comprehension of its exhibits.

International recognition of the Acropolis Museum was recently reflected in The Times of London's research, rating the Museum third amongst the 50 best museums in the world. www.theacropolismuseum.gr/en



Night Walking Tour Around Plaka

The area of Plaka is one of the most attractive districts of Athens. Under the slopes of the Acropolis Plaka attracts all the visitors of Athens with its neoclassical mansions and houses with roofs from red tiles, its small winding roads with their steps, balconies with bougainvilleas, geraniums and jasmines. Plaka is called many times in the Greek literature as the neighbourhood of the Gods and that because over Plaka dominates the sacred rock of the Acropolis "the sacred rock of the gods" who made the modern Athenians with the same humour like their Ancient ancestors, to personalise the Olympian gods having fun like them in Plaka with lots of Retsina wine and Dance. Sometimes being romantic on a sunny day you feel that the Greek goddess Athena looks down to Plaka with a smile in her divine face as the modern Athenians enjoy the sunshine in the street cafes at Adrianou street overlooking Thission the Ancient Agora and the rock of Arios Pagos.



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Cape Sounio

Cape Sounion is noted as the site of ruins of an ancient Greek temple of Poseidon, the god of the sea in classical mythology. The remains are perched on the headland, surrounded on three sides by the sea. The ruins bear the deeply engraved name of English Romantic poet Lord Byron (1788–1824). According to legend, Cape Sounion is the spot where Aegeus, king of Athens, leapt to his death off the cliff, thus giving his name to the Aegean Sea.

The story goes that Aegeus, anxiously looking out from Sounion, despaired when he saw a black sail on his son Theseus's ship, returning from Crete. This led him to believe that his son had been killed in his contest with the dreaded Minotaur, a monster that was half man and half bull. The Minotaur was confined by its owner, King Minos of Crete, in a specially designed labyrinth. Every year, the Athenians were forced to send 7 men and 7 women to Minos as tribute. These youths were placed in the labyrinth to be devoured by the Minotaur. Theseus had volunteered to go with the third tribute and attempt to slay the beast. He had agreed with his father that if he survived the contest, he would hoist a white sail. In fact, Theseus had overcome and slain the Minotaur, but tragically had simply forgotten about the white sail. The earliest literary reference to Sounion is in Homer's poem the *Odyssey*, probably composed in the 8th century BC. This recounts the mythical tribulations suffered by Greek hero Odysseus in a gruelling 10-year sea-voyage to return to his native island, Ithaca in the Ionian sea, from the sack of Troy. This ordeal was supposedly inflicted upon him by Poseidon, to whom the temple at Sounion was dedicated. Lunch at local restaurant with view to CAPE SOUNIO !!!



Gala Dinner at the "ISLAND CLUB RESTAURANT"

For years now the Island has been the favorite entertainment spot for those looking for atmosphere, style and quality during the summer months in Athens. It began operations in 1994 in the same place it is located today. Since then it has evolved to create new trends in entertainment. The stunning natural beauty of the Island's location and the exquisite décor make it unique. It is the club which the foreign press has repeatedly made mention of in its reporting about Greece, while many well-known international personalities visit it while in Athens. www.islandclubrestaurant.gr/en/



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Thursday, 3 July 2014

ENJOY your specially created SPA TREATMENT and relax in an amazing Thalassotherapy center of the Divani Apollon Palace & Thalasso which is also home to Divani Athens and Thalasso Centre.

The 3.500 m² Spa and Thalassotherapy centre is the only facility offering thalassotherapy in Attica region. On a privileged setting next to the sea, the Athens spa hotel offers revitalizing thalassotherapy programs, combined with a section of the best beauty care and fitness treatments available. The Spa's treatments are tailored to your personal needs, ensuring an experience of the highest quality. Ligne St Barth and Thalgo, with products of outstanding quality, ultra professional protocols and exceptional diversity have been chosen by the Hotel.

RELAX & ENJOY...!!!



Friday, 04 July 2014

Spend your whole morning in the traditional Athenian center!

ENJOY a guided city tour combined with SHOPPING in Kolonaki area (the most reputable shopping area in Athens), as well as around the alleys of Plaka and Monastiraki where the "classic old" Athens is revived!!!

Well experienced guides will escort you and help you discover the secrets of Athens...

