



NORTHERN GREECE HIGH ALTITUDE WINES

Terroir, tradition and landscapes 7 days – 6 nights

Northern Greece is a land of altitude and elegance, where vineyards climb cool mountain slopes and wines speak with depth, structure, and age-worthiness. This journey invites you into Greece's most serious wine regions, where indigenous grapes thrive in continental climates, shaped by cold winters, warm summers, and ancient soils. It is a tour designed for travelers who want to understand **Greek wine** beyond the obvious — without losing the pleasure of landscape, culture, and discovery.

Your journey begins in **Thessaloniki**, Greece's vibrant northern capital, a city where Byzantine walls, Ottoman influences, and a lively food scene create the perfect gateway to the country's most prestigious vineyards. From here, you venture into **Naoussa**, the undisputed home of **Xinomavro**, often compared to **Nebbiolo** for its structure, complexity, and ability to age. Tastings here focus on single-vineyard expressions, old vines, and stylistic contrasts between traditional and modern winemaking, offering insight into one of Greece's most noble red grapes.

The route then leads east toward **Drama**, a region known for its polished, international-quality wines and impeccably run estates. Here, **Malagousia**, **Sauvignon Blanc**, **Assyrtiko**, and refined reds are tasted in contemporary winery settings, where innovation meets respect for terroir. Guided cellar visits and structured tastings reveal how **Northern Greece** has positioned itself on the global wine stage.

From vineyards, the journey rises dramatically toward **Meteora**, one of Greece's most awe-inspiring landscapes. Towering sandstone pillars crowned with centuries-old monasteries create a setting unlike anywhere else in Europe. Few travelers realize that the surrounding plains and foothills also produce distinctive wines, benefiting from altitude, cooler temperatures, and spiritual silence. Tastings in this region are intimate and reflective, pairing local wines with a profound sense of place. The tour concludes in **Amyndeon**, a high-altitude appellation near crystal-clear lakes, celebrated for elegant **Xinomavro**, expressive rosés, and refined whites. Here, cool climates and sandy soils produce wines of finesse and freshness, providing a graceful finale to the journey. Balanced between culture, landscape, and serious wine exploration, this **Northern Greece** tour is crafted for both knowledgeable wine lovers and curious travelers ready to deepen their understanding. It is the perfect final chapter — a journey into **Greece**'s most thoughtful, age-worthy, and quietly powerful wines.

DAY 1 THESSALONIKI Arrival in Greece.

Kalimera!!! Welcome to Athens; Welcome to Thessaloniki, Greece's vibrant northern capital and cultural crossroads of the Balkans. Upon arrival, your private driver meets you and transfers you to your centrally located hotel. After check-in, take time to relax and refresh from your journey. Later, enjoy a gentle walk along the city's seaside promenade, where the White Tower stands as a symbol of Thessaloniki's layered history. In the evening, gather for a welcome dinner at a refined local restaurant, sampling northern Greek cuisine paired with elegant Malagousia and crisp regional whites. Overnight in Thessaloniki. (D)

DAY 2 THESSALONIKI History, Gastronomy, and Wine Culture

After breakfast, meet your guide for a city tour revealing Thessaloniki's Roman, Byzantine, and Ottoman heritage. Visit ancient forums, Byzantine churches, and lively markets, gaining insight into the city's role as a trading and cultural hub. Lunch follows in a traditional restaurant, where local dishes are paired with wines from Macedonia. The afternoon introduces you to

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INCLUDED SERVICES

- Private transfers airport/hotel/airport
- Private services with a minivan or minibus
- 7 nights in selected hotel or similar.
 - **THESSALONIKI** Capsis Bristol Boutique Hotel 5****
 - **NAOUSSA** Aiges Melathron 4****
 - **DRAMA** Hydrama Grand Hotel 5*****
 - **METEORA** Theatro Hotel Odysseon 4****
 - **AMYNDEON** Emerald Suites 4****
- Daily breakfast
- Welcome dinner on DAY 1
- 3 lunches during the itinerary
- Farewell dinner on DAY 7
- All excursions mentioned in the program with local english-speaking guide.
- 8 Winery visits with wine tasting & guide
- Guided tour in Thessaloniki and Nafplio
- Sunset cruise along the Argolic Gulf
- Guided tour to Mycenae and Epidaurus
- Explore the archaeological site of Delphi
- 24 h. support via Whatsapp.

NOT INCLUDED

- International and local flights
- City taxes (to be paid directly at the hotel)
- Tips for Guides, drivers and Porters
- Personal expenses
- Optional tours
- Other services not mentioned here





Thessaloniki's modern wine culture with a guided tasting at a boutique wine bar or urban cellar, focusing on Xinomavro, Assyrtiko, and northern Greek blends. Dinner is at leisure, allowing you to explore the city's dynamic food scene. Overnight in Thessaloniki. (B) (L)

DAY 3 THESSALONIKI - NAOUSSA The Kingdom of Xinomavro

Following breakfast, depart for Naoussa, set against the slopes of Mount Vermio. Arrive in time for lunch at a winery restaurant, paired with structured Xinomavro wines. In the afternoon, visit two renowned estates, walking through old vineyards and descending into cool cellars where wines age slowly. Start at the Kir-Yianni Estate, one of Greece's most prestigious wineries, founded by Yiannis Boutaris. Known for elegant, terroir-driven expressions of Xinomavro, with single-vineyard bottlings and a strong focus on sustainability. A reference estate for understanding Naoussa's identity. Continue to the Boutari Winery, a historic name in Greek wine offering classic, age-worthy styles alongside modern interpretations, making it ideal for comparative tastings between traditional and modern products and highlighting the grape's range — from powerful, age-worthy reds to fresher, more approachable styles. As the day ends, check in at a charming hotel surrounded by vineyards. Overnight in Naoussa. (B) (L)



DAY 4 NAOUSSA - DRAMA Contemporary Northern Wines

After breakfast, journey east toward Drama, a region known for its polished estates and international outlook. The afternoon includes guided visits to two leading wineries, where tastings are structured and educational, focusing on terroir, vineyard management, and winemaking innovation. The first one is Domaine Costa Lazaridi, a flagship winery of the Drama region, known for Malagousia, Sauvignon Blanc, and refined reds, with excellent cellar visit infrastructure. The other visit will be at the Ktima Pavlidis Estate, producing outstanding whites and balanced reds. The contrast with Naoussa highlights the diversity of northern Greek wine. In the evening, settle into your hotel in Drama and enjoy dinner at a local restaurant. Overnight in Drama. (B)



DAY 5 DRAMA – METEORA Vineyards and Monasteries

Breakfast is followed by a scenic drive west toward Meteora, passing fertile plains and mountain landscapes. Stop for lunch en route at a traditional taverna, paired with regional wines. In the afternoon, arrive beneath the towering rock pillars of Meteora and visit one or two of the historic monasteries perched above the valley. The spiritual atmosphere and dramatic setting offer a striking contrast to the vineyards below. Later, enjoy a tasting at a small local winery, discovering wines shaped by altitude and cooler temperatures. Dinner is served near your hotel with views of the illuminated rocks. Overnight in the Meteora area. (B) (L)



DAY 6 METEORA - AMYNDEON High-Altitude Elegance

After breakfast, continue toward Amyndeon, one of Greece's highest and coolest wine regions, nestled among lakes and rolling hills. Arrive for lunch at a Tsillili winery, tasting refined Xinomavro, elegant rosés, and crisp whites that reflect the region's freshness. In the afternoon, visit the winery, one of the most respected producers in the region, producing distinctive wines influenced by altitude and cooler climates, as well as the renowned Tsipouro of Meteora. As evening approaches, check in at your hotel overlooking the surrounding countryside. (B)



DAY 7 AMYNDEON - THESSALONIKI Lakes, Landscapes, and Farewell Dinner

Enjoy breakfast before departing for Thessaloniki. Along the way, pause at one of the region's scenic lakes or small villages for coffee and photographs. Arrive in Thessaloniki by early afternoon and enjoy free time for shopping, museums, or a final seaside stroll. In the evening, gather for a farewell dinner at an elegant restaurant, where a curated wine pairing revisits the key wines of Northern Greece, celebrating the journey's depth and diversity. Overnight in Thessaloniki. (B) (D)



DAY 8 THESSALONIKI Departure

After breakfast, enjoy a final moment in Thessaloniki before your private transfer to the airport. You depart Northern Greece with a deeper understanding of its landscapes, its people, and its most expressive wines — from mountain vineyards to monastery-crowned cliffs, a journey defined by character and quiet sophistication. End of our services. (B)

(B) Breakfast **(L)** Lunch **(D)** Dinner

