



SYMPOSION
CULTURAL CENTER
MUSIC • ART • MYTHOLOGY

OFFERINGS
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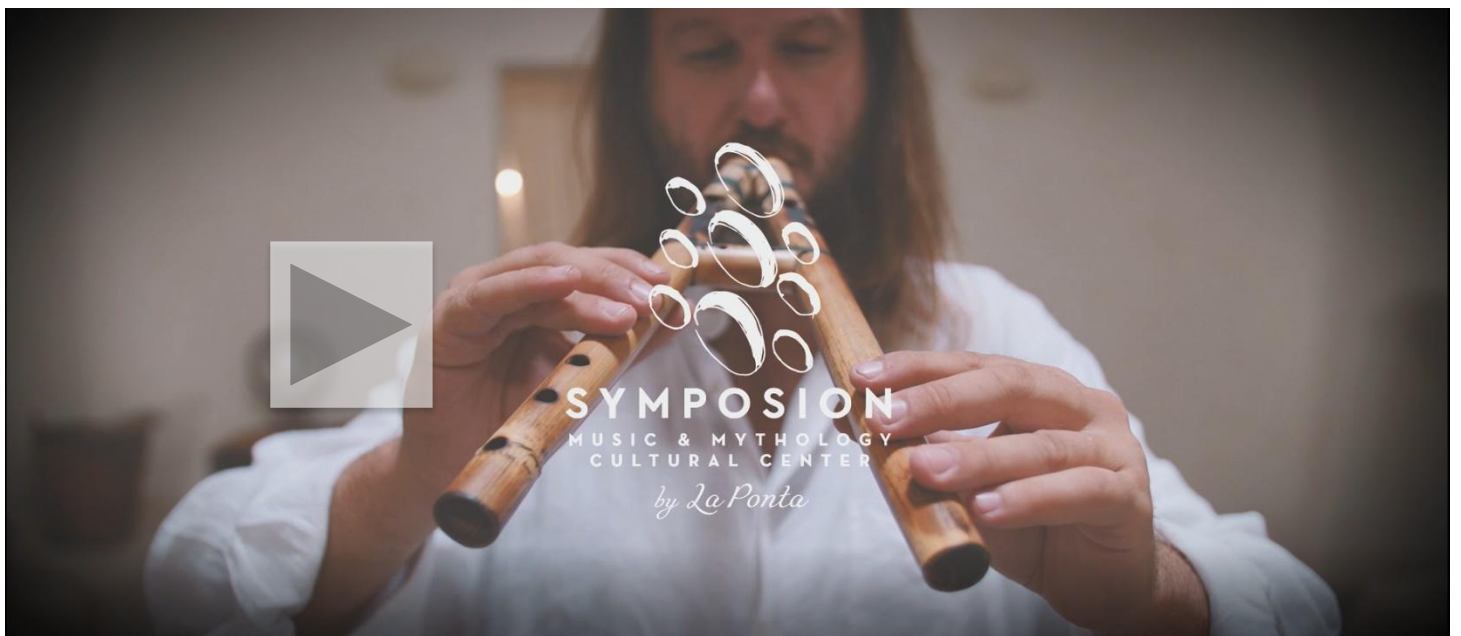
A CULTURAL ODYSSEY

SYMPOSION offers:

- Interactive music presentations and historical tours
- Instrument-making workshops
- Wine Philosophy
- SYMPOSION Platter & Local Wine
- Innovative private dinners
- Conference facilities



SYMPOSION from the Greek word *sympinein* - ‘to drink together.’
We drink together in order to discover our individual and collective identities.



MYTHICAL MUSIC PRESENTATION & HISTORICAL TOUR

Experience an Interactive Musical Journey *A Mythical Odyssey*

Join us for a unique and immersive experience that explores the enchanting world of Greek music and mythology!

Tour Overview

Embark on an unforgettable "musical journey" showcasing handcrafted Greek wind and string instruments. Led by esteemed artisan and musician Yannis Pantazis, this tour offers a captivating exploration of how music intertwines with Greek mythology and its relevance in our lives today.

What to Expect

Musical Elements

Experience the evolution of various instruments, from primitive winds like the conch and double reed pipe to the elegant ancient Greek lyre. Discover how these instruments not only reflect the artistry of their time but also resonate with the human experience today.

Mythological Narration

Uncover the profound connections between music and contemporary life through the lens of mythology

Music and Light

Discover the myths surrounding Apollo, the god of music and illumination, and how they inspire modern creativity.

Medicine and Medusa

Explore beliefs surrounding music as a transformative and healing force, reflecting its importance in well-being today.

Sound and Astronomy

Learn about legends highlighting the relationship between sound and the cosmos, connecting ancient wisdom to modern themes in science and art.

Historical Insights

Delve into the rich history of our former winery, learning about its origins and significance in the local community.

Explore traditional wine-making processes.

The venue's preserved architectural features narrate stories, showcasing its evolution and role in history while providing a compelling backdrop for your musical and mythological exploration.



Join Us!

Immerse yourself in the harmony, melody, and rhythm of our interactive musical journey. Bring your curiosity and passion for music and mythology, and experience the magic that lies within this unparalleled Tour.

We look forward to welcoming you!

ANCIENT GREEK PIPE-MAKING WORKSHOP

Overview

Join us for a unique and immersive experience where you'll explore the world of ancient Greek music and craftsmanship. Under the expert guidance of Master Artisan Yannis Pantazis, you will create your very own pan pipe, a traditional instrument steeped in Greek history.

Workshop Highlights

Welcome to the Workshop

Begin with a warm introduction from Yannis, setting the scene for an enlightening experience.

Uncover Greek Culture

Delve into the historical and cultural significance of the pan pipe, gaining insights into ancient Greek traditions and sustainable crafts.

Hands-On Crafting

Engage with local cane materials to assemble and tie your pan pipe, guided by personalized support and fascinating tales from Yannis.

Personalization

Add your personal touch to your crafted pan pipe, making it a unique keepsake. Your custom pan pipe will be personally inscribed with your name by Yannis.

Celebrate with Sound

Play your newly crafted instrument in a joyful conclusion.



Take Home

- A beautifully crafted pan pipe
- Deepened understanding of Greek cultural traditions
- Unforgettable memories from a unique, hands-on artistic journey

WINE PHILOSOPHY

Introduction to Wine's Legacy

Your journey begins with an insightful introduction exploring "Why Wine?" and its historical significance. Discover how wine has been integral to Greek culture, serving not only as a delightful beverage but also as a foundation for creative expression, philosophical discussions, and communal bonding. Our expert guide will share the rich history of wine-making, highlighting its role in ancient rituals, social customs, and the arts.

Tasting Experience

Each wine is served in traditional clay cups, inviting you to fully appreciate the breadth of their aromas and flavors. A traditional side plate complements your tasting with local cheeses and olives, enriching the experience and fostering a deeper appreciation of each varietal. Philosophical Reflection and Taste Appreciation As you savor each wine, engage in thoughtful discussions addressing the philosophical questions surrounding wine



Why has it held such an important place in society?

What can it teach us about human connection, creativity, and tradition?

Reflect on how ancient Greeks used wine not only for enjoyment but as a means to facilitate deep conversation and storytelling, enhancing your connection to the wines from historic regions like the Valley of the Muses. Mythological Booklet A beautifully crafted booklet filled with mythological stories about wine and herbs accompanies you during this journey. Each tale connects you further to the significance of the wines you are tasting and the broader cultural narratives of Greece, enriching your appreciation of both the history and philosophy behind them.

The Flight of Historic Indigenous Varietals

Engage in a carefully curated flight of four historic indigenous varietals, including selections from the renowned Valley of the Muses. Each wine reflects the diversity and richness of Greek viticulture, served in prehistoric style vessels that evoke the ancient past.

- **Varietal 1:** A crisp white wine with notes that capture the essence of the revered landscapes.
- **Varietal 2:** A robust red wine embodying the depth and tradition of Greek wine-making.
- **Varietal 3:** A vibrant rosé representing the joys and warmth of Greek summers.
- **Varietal 4:** A luscious sweet wine showcasing the artistry and historical significance of Greek dessert wines.

Conclusion of the Journey

As the Wine Philosophy journey concludes, you are invited to share your insights and reflections with fellow participants, capturing the communal spirit reminiscent of the ancient symposia.

Depart with a richer understanding of wine's profound impact on culture, creativity, and the art of living, as well as lasting memories of the historic flavors of Greece.

SYMPOSION PLATTER

Gather around our Symposium Silver Platter – a bountiful offering reminiscent of ancient feasts, where the table was a place of fellowship and joy. Here, the treasures of the land unfold: sun-ripened fruits, golden and sweet, cheeses lovingly crafted by local hands, and meats gently smoked to perfection. Each bite carries the essence of the season, a harmony of flavors shaped by the island's earth, sea, and sun. To share this platter is to share in tradition itself – a celebration of community, culture, and the timeless spirit of the Symposium.

Accompany your Symposium Silver Platter with a glass of local wine – the island's nectar, crafted from sun-drenched vines and ancient soil. Each sip carries notes of history and tradition, lifting the flavors of fruits, cheeses, and smoked meats into a harmonious dance, as the feast and the wine complete one another in timeless celebration.



SPECIAL EVENTS

The beautiful outdoor courtyard and majestic internal chamber are available to rent for select inspired and intimate occasions.

Ideal for hosting a tailor made themed dinner, educational lectures, business conferences and more.



DETAILS

- Capacity

Seated 60 guests in the garden courtyard

Seated 50 guests in the Saliveros Chamber

- Available Tuesday through Sunday, 20:00 – 24:00
*Flexible time frame
- April through October or upon special request



STANDARD FACILITIES

- Wi-Fi internet
- Projector and Screen
- Sound System – BOSE L1-Pro8
- Microphones/Stands

Other facilities available on demand

UPON REQUEST

- Dining Experience
- Entertainment Options



ABOUT YANNIS

Yannis Pantazis is a musician, composer, instrument artisan, researcher of Greek mythology and co-founder of Symposion. In his workshop, Yannis makes a remarkable array of ancient and traditional instruments alongside instruments of his own design.

His work is inspired by Greek mythology and the role of music in Greece from past to present.

He represents Greece through the ministry of culture, various Global programs and has been featured in local & worldwide publications for his contributions to preserving and promoting Greece's cultural heritage.

His illustrious career includes features in National Geographic and BBC, as well as a composition for Paramount Pictures- *Gladiator II* and collaborations in the upcoming Universal Pictures film, *The Odyssey*.



Their work has been covered by a wide range of global media and projects from 2012.

ABOUT SYMPOSION

Symposion is owned and operated by Argy Kakissis (Managing Director) and Yannis Pantazis (Musician/Composer/Instrument Artisan / Researcher of Greek Mythology), who envision an immersive experience of music and mythology for their guests.

