



## In the Footsteps of Dionysos October 22–November 1, 2002

**G**reek mythology is a rich tapestry set against the irresistible backdrop of drama, tragedy, jealousy and romance. The story of Dionysos, the god of wine, is one of the most enduring tales. This journey will trace Dionysos' footsteps – with all the appropriate reverence! We start in Athens, where we will tour the Dionysos Theatre and sample wines from the barrel in traditional tavernas. From there, we will visit small private estates in Attica, meeting independent producers and tasting the fruits of their efforts. Then we will travel to the stunningly beautiful volcanic island of Santorini to taste the renowned *Vinsanto* wine and...stomp our own grapes! Set amidst the beauty of autumn in the Plains of Attica and the Cycladic island of Santorini, this ArtExchange journey samples the best Greek wines and pairs them with delicious food, warm hospitality and the mythology and customs that surround the wine-making process. **Price:** Can. \$3,950. Double occupancy. Single supplement \$400. **Early bird special**—pay by June 30, 2002 and save 10%!

**Day 1: Athens.** Informal reception; late night walk about *Plaka*, the historic neighborhood at the foot of the *Acropolis*.

**Day 2: Athens.** Walking tour of the historic sites of *Athens*: the *Dionysos Theatre*, the *Acropolis*, the *Anafiotika* in *Plaka*. Taste the barrel house wines and classic *mezethes* of local *tavernas*.

**Day 3-4: Athens and Attica.** From our base in Athens, we will spend two days visiting a number of small private estate vineyards in Attica—with plenty of wine tastings and local delicacies. We culminate our mainland stay with a sunset visit to the *Temple of Poseidon* at Cape *Sounio*.

**Day 5-9: Santorini.** From our centrally located and luxuriously appointed hotel in Fira – the island's capital – we'll explore Santorini's stunningly picturesque villages perched atop the volcanic caldera. We will visit its 300 year-old vineyards, the oldest in Greece, and taste its famed wines such as the renowned *Vinsanto*. We'll experience the subtle bouquet of honeysuckle and citrus fruit in wines made from the *Assyrtiko* grapes, an indigenous variety dating from perhaps the Phoenician era. We'll visit the Wine Museum, and stomp on grapes at a local vineyard. We'll admire the ancient city of *Akrotiri* eerily preserved in volcanic ash like Pompeii; and take a boat ride to its volcanic crater.

**Day 10: Athens.** A day for shopping... and a special farewell dinner at a "hot" night spot in Athens.

**Day 16:** Check out time. Return to our home destinations... to savour memories and friendships.

**Includes:** Accommodation, all breakfasts, four special dinners/lunches, wine tastings, all local surface, sea, and air transportation, admission to all sites, resource expertise, local guides, educational materials. Air fare to and from Athens excluded.

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