



Newsletter Autumn 2008

Hotel Royal Olympic, Athens



The visitors of the new www.worldhotels.com have chosen the **ROYAL OLYMPIC Hotel** as 5th place of their **Top 10 Dream Hotels** from the WORLDHOTELS portfolio.

The hotel is totally renovated 2006 and one of the most elegant hotels in Athens today. It has of course WIFI Internet and are air-conditioned. Has also open swimming pool, 2 bars and 2 restaurants.

All 263 rooms are Soundproof has Mini Bar, Safe, Direct - dial phone, Satellite Pay TV, Radio, Hairdryer.

Royal Olympic is one of the biggest conference hotels in Athens with it's 9 conference and breakout rooms. Capacity of 2200 persons in theatre style.

www.royalolympic.com

Trekking in Greece

European trekking paths, **E4** (which stretches across Europe, reaching from Spain to Greece through France, Switzerland, Germany, Austria, Hungary, Romania, and Bulgaria) and **E6** (which reached down from Finland through Sweden, Denmark, Germany, Austria, Slovenia, and **Greece** to Turkey).

The **E4** crosses into Greece from the border with Bulgaria at Promachon, then runs towards Serres, joining the **E6** at the Strymon River, which it then follows to Florina, then south over the Vermion, Pieria, and **Olympos** summits and southern Pindus to **Delphi**, across the Corinthian Gulf to end at **Gythio**; the path picks up on **Crete**. The total length of the E4 European path is 6,300 km of which **1,600 km** belong to **Greece**.

Delphi has been recorded as the essential geographical core of love for nature, alternative exercise, touring and exploration. It's a place of natural beauty with abundant flora and fauna, which has attracted worldwide interest for discovery and recording.

This summer we **Saltatours Gr** toured the distance: Paleochora – Sougia – Loutro – Paleochora – Plakias. Later in the autumn we had a group doing the same. It is fitted for 6-7 days tour.

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Greek Destinations:

Saltatours Gr is every year visiting different Greek destinations for quality control for coming groups, being updated of what's on, where to go, inspect the hotels, and where of course to have a good meal in the end of the day

This year we have visited the islands:

Poros, Hydra, Aegina, Milos, Crete, Lesvos and Evia.



Loutro at Island of Crete



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TEACH AND TASTE CLASS in Restaurant Kona Kai , Athens

Wok/Polynesian cooking & SUSHI CLASS



Teach and Taste class, guest will be seated in school room set-up with display of ingredients and hand out of recipes of that class (consist of appetizer, soup or salad, main course and a side dishes or dessert).

Demonstration of cooking provided with the chef recipes will last for 1 to 1 1/2 hour and after will proceed to lunch or dinner serving the demonstrated menu includes wine.

For the cooking classes we need a minimum of 10 persons .Large Group are welcome.

Sushi class, guest will be seated in surrounding table where our Chef will demonstrate his sushi skill.

Ingredients display of sushi product and preparations.

The chef performs nigiri, roll maki, Temaki and presentation. During the demonstration guest will sample and taste the sushi prepared by our chef. Warm sake and green tea will be served.

Demonstration of cooking will last for 1 to 1 1/2 hour.

The New Acropolis museum in Athens



In the past two and a half thousand years, the temples of the Acropolis have suffered fire, bombing and earthquake. Now, scientists are trying to save them from a new modern enemy: pollution. Standing on a hilltop at the centre of Athens, a city of 5 million people, the Acropolis' elaborately sculptured stones have fallen prey to a film of black crust from car exhaust fumes, industrial pollution, acid rain and fires. A team of Greek engineers and restorers are using an innovative laser technology system to clean the surface of the ancient monuments, uncovering colours and ornamentation hidden for decades.

Result is that sculptures and friezes have had to be moved to museums and replaced with replicas.

This march the New Acropolis museum at the foot of the hill will be opened for public.

www.newacropolismuseum.gr/eng/

Public Holidays in Greece 2009

1 January: New Year's Day , **6 January:** Epiphany, **2 March:** Ash Monday, **25 March:** National Holiday,

17 April: Good Friday, **19 and 20 April:** Easter, **1 May:** May Day,

1 June: Whit Monday (Holiday only for public sector and private offices)

15 August: Dormition (Assumption) of The Virgin, **28 October:** National Holiday

25 and 26 December: Christmas