

## *3<sup>rd</sup> Olympus Greek Dance and Culture Seminar 2013*

*19-28 July 2013*

*The seminar will be held in Pieria (the land of the ancient Thracian tribe 'Pieres' and the Muses), on the flanks of Mount Olympus, the mythological residence of the ancient Greek pantheon, and close to the coasts of the blue Aegean Sea. The seminar will take place from 19 to 28<sup>th</sup> July 2013, when most traditional feasts ('panegyria') take place in the area.*

*The seminar program will offer courses of traditional Greek dances and customs from different regions of Macedonia and Thrace (Katafygi of Kozani, Roumlouki, Kosti, Gagavouzides and Metaxades) as well as lessons in traditional Greek culture, philosophy, language, music and singing from well-known teachers, researchers and musicians (Angelos Nikolaidis, Zoi Vesiropoulou, Panagiotis Pagonidis, Vasilis Gerovasileiou, Lefteris Pavlou, Efi Chatzichidioglou, Yannis Kakaras and Panagiotis Pavlos). There will also be special nights of traditional music at the seminar venue or in villages, where we will have the chance to dance with local people. Various excursions to villages, archaeological sites, ethnographic museums and the traditional fire-walking ritual of Anastenaria will give the chance to experience the Greek culture and civilization.*

*We are expecting you for a unique cultural experience!!!*





**PLACE:** Pieria, Mt Olympus, Greece – around 90 km from Thessaloniki airport (easily reached by train and bus). Participants can also be transferred from the airport to the seminar venue for a small charge.

**ACCOMMODATION:** half board

**PRICE:** 880 € for early registration (300 € deposit has to be paid by 31 March 2013); and 980 € for late registration from 1st April up to 31 May 2013 (final deadline) - **THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS IS LIMITED!**

**GENERAL SCHEDULE:**

- **19 July 2013** – Arrival after 2 pm. Registration after 6 pm. Dinner followed by informal dancing
- **20-25 July 2013** – Cultural courses, tours and 'glendia'
- **26 July 2013** – Celebration ('panegyri') of Agia Paraskevi (Saint Paraskevi) at the village of Kypseli Emathias with live music (zourna) and local dancers
- **27 July 2013** – Visit to Langadas for the famous traditional fire-walking ritual of 'Anastenaria' on Saint Panteleimon's day
- **28 July 2013** – Departure after breakfast

**DANCE COURSES:** Katafygi of Kozani (Pierian Mountains), Roumlouki (Emathia, Central Macedonia), Gagavouzides (Eastern and Western Thrace), Metaxades (Western Thrace) and Kosti (Northern Thrace)

**SPECIAL COURSES:** Greek language through traditional songs, philosophy and role of dance in the Greek society, original costumes, demonstrations of musical instruments and handcrafting. There is possibility to arrange extra lessons of traditional musical instruments for those who are interested (e.g. gaida, clarinet, and percussion).

**TOURS:** Archaeological site of Vergina (the burial site of the kings of Macedon, including the tomb of Philip II, father of Alexander the Great) and Ethnographic Museum of Meliki, devoted to the traditions of Roumlouki and Kosti

**MUSICAL NIGHTS:** traditional 'panegyria' & 'glendia', festivals and live music

**SEMINAR LANGUAGE:** the formal languages of the seminar are English and Greek

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