

PM-04 Conference Excursion and Dinner

17.30 Departure from Chios Chandris Hotel (apologies to all those who arrived at 17.31 but we really were on a very tight schedule...)



We will pass through the famous **Kambos** (Plain), which is a flat land that stretches, along the east coast of the island of Chios, about 10 Km (7 miles) long and 2 Km (1,5 mile) wide. Kambos is a place where many aristocratic families have been building their houses since the 14th century. There are many beautiful houses in large avenues with their own courtyard and gardens. The low mountains that surround it from the west are the source of its underground waters that makes **Kambos an endless garden with flowers and citrus trees**, very close to the capital of Chios.

18:00 Arrive at the "Tetteris Distillery" – Visit & short tour

Established in the mid 19th century, Tetteris Distillery is a family run business using traditional methods and recipes. The Tetteris' family recipe, whose origin is lost in the mist of time of the mid 19th century, is the foundation for the manufacture of "OUZO TETTERI". OUZO TETTERI's unique and rare taste places this authentic ouzo amongst the best ones. We will have the opportunity to judge for ourselves!

18:30 Departure to the village of Pyrgi

Next, we will cross through the **famous mastic villages**. This is the only place in the world where the famous mastic bush "pistacia lantisca" grows. Mastic has been known for its beneficial medical virtues and moreover it has been used in cosmetics, food as well as sweets and gums.



19:00 Short stop at the Pyrgi village and guided scroll

On our way to Mesta we will pass through the **Pirgi village** famous for its white geometrical decor on the outer walls of the houses, called "**xista**" ("scratched"). These patterns are cut into the plaster and then outlined with paint. Short stop for a small walking visit of the central village square.

19.45 Departure to Mesta - guided scroll along the alleys

After an 11 km drive, we will arrive at the **medieval village of Mesta**, one of the most well maintained medieval villages in the world. The village was established by the merging of smaller Byzantine settlements (14th - 15th century) during the period of Genoese domination. Most streets end in blind alleys, except the critical few which lead to the village gates. Guided walking tour of the village where we will learn more about its history, architecture and traditions. The end of the tour will find us at the Mesta central square where we will dine with traditional Greek food and unlimited (!) red and white **wine!**



During the dinner we will also have the opportunity to attend but also **try** (!) Chios and other **Greek traditional dances** with the aid of the **local cultural club "Georgios Vouros"** who has traveled worldwide exhibiting the Greek dancing tradition.



The dinner will be outdoors (*weather permitting*), so remember to bring with you a **jacket!** It may be windy!

22.30 Departure for Chios capital (Chios Chandris Hotel).

NB: Total distance to be covered about 55 Km (35 Miles), total walking through villages about 1 Km (0.6 miles)

