

# Ikarian Centre

## picking the olives

13 - 22 Dec. 2014



**Greek language courses  
and olive harvest  
on the island of Ikaria**

**Dates: 13 - 22 Dec. 2014**

*9 lessons<sup>1</sup> in 10 days, 42 teaching hours<sup>2</sup> +20h of activities*

### Registration

Please [click here](#) to submit the on-line form **until Friday 26th** of September

**Tuition:** 970€

*Additional cost, for your friend you who will share your room and participate in the activities, but will not attend the classes: 150€*

Tuition includes: **accommodation** in a private room (one room – one student) at the Centre's guest house, course materials, lectures and activities. Does not include insurance, meals, and tickets

**A deposit of 400€** must be paid from Monday 29/Sept. until Monday, 15/September. The balance must be paid 4 weeks in advanced. Both the tuition and the balance **are not refutable**, however the student keeps the right to re-register within 12 months.



### Accommodation:

1) In-campus free accommodation, in a private room (one person, one room) **at the Centre's guest house**, in Arethousa. Each room of the guest house provides heating, kitchenette and private bathroom.

- Check-in: one day before the beginning of the course.
- Check-out: the next day after the end of the course.
- Breakfast is not provided at the Centre's guest house. Visitors can use their own kitchenette for breakfast and other meals.

### How to get to Ikaria:

- **By plane:** from Athens: [www.olympicair.com](http://www.olympicair.com), from Thessaloniki or Herakleion, Crete: [www.skyexpress.gr](http://www.skyexpress.gr)
- **By ferry:** Year around from Piraeus and Samos (Vathy and Karlovasi), in the summer from Thessaloniki, the harbor of Kavala and from several other of the Cycladic islands [www.hsw.gr](http://www.hsw.gr) or [www.nel.gr](http://www.nel.gr)

Ikaria has two harbors, Evdilos and Agios Kyrikos. You should take care to arrive at Evdilos (15 minutes from the Centre by car) and NOT at Agios Kyrikos (1 hour by car). Taxi fare from Agios Kyrikos is about 60€; from Evdilos it is about 10€.

Pick-up of students from the airport or the harbor at Evdilos is available one day before the beginning of the course.



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address in Greece:

Arethousa, 83302 Ikaria +30 2275061140

- 1 One lesson means one day of lessons
- 2 Teaching hour is 45min. Those who **must** complete 2400min of tuition, may add extra hours of private tuition within the period of the course.



Courses in Greek for foreign learners have been offered at the Ikarian Centre in Arethousa, a small mountain village on the Greek island of Ikaria, since 1995. Classes are small, with 2-8 students at a similar skill level working together. The program of study is divided into 7 levels (absolute beginners, A1, A2, B1, B2, C1, C2), according to the guidelines of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR). Courses are adapted to the individual needs and interests of each student, and are intended for adults and teenagers (16-18 years old) of all levels who wish to begin studying Greek, or who wish to improve their Greek, teachers of ancient or modern Greek, interpreters and translators

#### **The teaching method**

Our instructors are young but experienced as teachers of Greek as a foreign language. Grammar and vocabulary are taught via the use of texts and materials written by the Centre. Emphasis is placed on the development of listening and speaking skills. New material (both in grammar and vocabulary) is mastered by students with the use of word games and verbal exercises.

The small class size (2 - 8 individuals) ensures that

every student will have the chance to speak and improve their language skills during the course of each hour of instruction. During the weeks of instruction students will also have the opportunity to discover some of the less well-known aspects of contemporary Greek life, through songs, music, conversation, presentations and assignments. Students live at the Centre in a family atmosphere, where they can speak Greek even outside of class hours, with the instructors also living on campus. They can relax and focus on their studies in the quiet and natural environment around the Centre, with its gorgeous views of both mountains and sea. There are numerous opportunities for hikes nearby, as well bird-watching, swimming and sun-bathing, not to mention the chance to become acquainted with the local, Ikarian, culture, which may make you believe that you have stepped out of a time machine.

#### **Location**

The Ikarian Centre is located 1.5 km from the mountain village of Arethousa, in an isolated rural area, at an elevation of 300 m. It is approximately 8 km from Evidilos (the harbor town of northern Ikaria), and about 3 km (45 minutes on foot) from the sea.

We'll mostly work picking the olives in the farms around the campus.

The view is fantastic and your contact with nature immediate and real. Shopping can be done at Arethousa (the nearest village), about 15-20 minutes away by foot. Birds-of-prey live in the area (primarily falcons or hawks), and can be regularly seen flying over the Centre. The stargazing is spectacular, and visitors can see the Milky Way stretching across the nighttime sky.

Access to the Centre is via a gravel road from Arethousa or via a county road from Karavostamo. There are tavernas, and shops for necessary provisions, in Arethousa, Karavostamo, and Evidilos.

#### **Facilities – services**

Facilities at the Centre include: a seminar / study room, a small library, a small guest house, free Wi-Fi, telephone and fax, unlimited, free coffee, free use of the washing machine

#### **Transport**

A shuttle provides daily transport to the classes and back for students living off-campus in the nearby area. It also provides transport for the activities. This service has no extra cost.



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