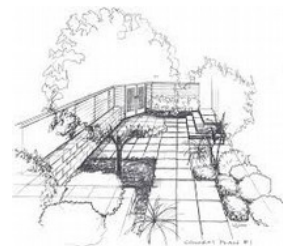
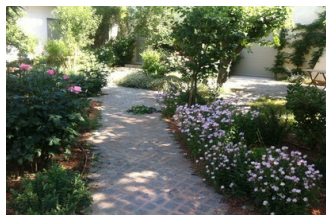


# THE MEDITERRANEAN CENTRE for Art, Gardens, Plants and Design

in association with the Mediterranean Garden Society



## MEDITERRANEAN GARDEN DESIGN AND PLANTING COURSE in South Pelion Greece 2017 DATES June 09 - 16 (English) also October 01 - 08 (German)

This one week course will examine the nature of the 'mediterranean' garden, the plants which are best suited to thrive in drier conditions and how to practice 'waterwise' gardening. It will be held at Lagou Raxi Country Hotel, South Pelion, Greece and include visits to local gardens and naturally occurring mediterranean 'garden' landscapes.

The course will be suitable for those based, or with second homes, in mediterranean climate zones as well as for those in more northern countries. Some participants may be feeling the effects of climate change or would simply like to explore the possibilities of using mediterranean styles and planting ideas in part or all of their gardens, whether new or well established.

Some of the participants will be new to this type of gardening and others will have more experience. This will facilitate the sharing of ideas, and critiques of the gardens which will be visited, as well as an understanding of the natural sites. The language of the course will be English. (A second course in German will be held in October with tutors Ursula Yelin & Stephan Aeschlimann Yelin.)



**COURSE TUTOR** - Katerina Gkoltsiou has a Ph.D. in Geography from the University of Aegean in Greece, a Master in Landscape Architecture from the University of Edinburgh, U.K., and a diploma in agriculture from the Agricultural University of Athens.

Working as a freelance landscape architect, established in Athens since 1997, she specialises in a wide range of services for the private and public sector in the design, construction and research sector of landscape architecture. She is also a partner of AGRODESIGN ([www.agrodesign.gr](http://www.agrodesign.gr)), in order to promote rural tourism and to provide innovative ideas concerning the landscape design of agritourism farms and agricultural landscape. She is President of the Panhellenic Association of Landscape Architects and a member of the International Federation of Landscape Architects

**PROGRAMME** All Sessions at Lagou Raxi Country Hotel unless stated and include six hours tuition per day



Friday	Arrival of participants Meet & Greet Dinner at the hotel
Saturday	<i>Introduction to Mediterranean Gardens</i> - Historical review, various mediterranean styles, characteristics of a mediterranean garden, materials, plant species Evening walk to collect ideas of courtyards and gardens
Sunday	<i>Planting in Mediterranean Climates</i> - Introduction, climatic and soil factors. Water considerations and arid gardens. Planting design: Some principles. How to design a garden: the basics. Selection of our site of exercise and measurement of our plot
Monday	<i>The process of design and selection of plant species</i> The plants as a medium for design. The structural characteristics of plants, the visual properties of plants, plant associations
Tuesday	Group exercise. Start to design a garden of the area <i>Presentation of examples from Mediterranean Gardens from all over the world</i> Continuation of the projects
Wednesday	Completion of the projects and presentation/discussion of the work
Thursday	<i>Full Day visit to some local gardens of interest for design, plant &amp; material choices</i> Farewell Dinner
Friday	Departure of participants, or a rest over the weekend*

\*please ask if you would like to stay for extra nights

## 2017 COURSES in Pelion, Greece - PRACTICAL INFORMATION



- \* Lessons are with fully experienced teachers and practitioners, passionate about their subject
  - \* All courses are suitable for beginners and intermediate participants
  - \* All materials will be provided including a board on which to work, but you may bring your own watercolours or other #
  - \* Groups benefit from a quiet 'atelier' space with excellent light for their practical work
  - \* Excursions are planned to suit the particular course
- # in the case of the mosaics course there is a supplement of 48€ per person for marble, cutter and goggles. We can arrange delivery of the work home if required

### WHAT IS INCLUDED?

- \* Six days of tuition and transport for related excursions - coffee and tea throughout the day
- \* Time for rest and relaxation on the beach, by the pool or in the village square
- \* A full cooked breakfast, five three-course dinners and two lunches (half-board)
- \* Our library which includes the complete set of Mediterranean Garden Society journals
- \* Meet and greet, depending on your choice of transport. Flights are NOT included

There are a few lowcost/charter (flight only) companies flying directly to Volos Airport. (see <http://www.volosairport.gr/en/flights-en-menu.html>) Alternatively Athens, Skiathos or Thessaloniki.

### PRICES PER PERSON INCLUDING TUITION + ACCOMMODATION (HALF-BOARD) MATERIALS AND EXCURSIONS

The 20 spacious and comfortable bedrooms are all named after local beaches. Free WiFi throughout.

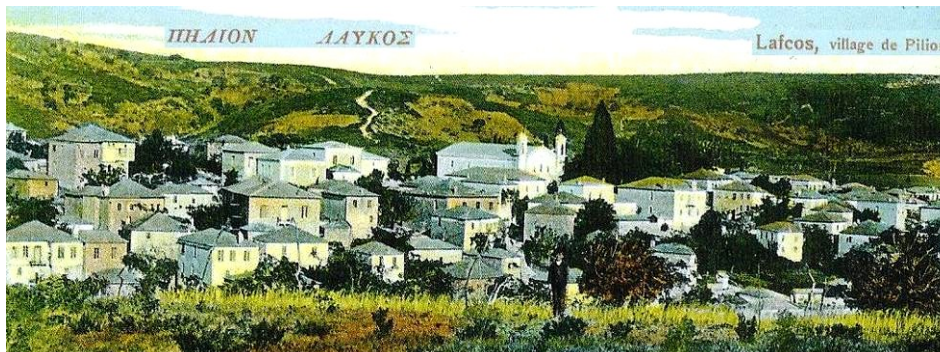
Single room	Twin double occupancy	Triple double occupancy
695 €	575 €	675 €

- \* If you would like to bring family member(s) or friend(s), NOT participating in the courses, please contact us for the prices of different combinations including Double rooms and Suites.



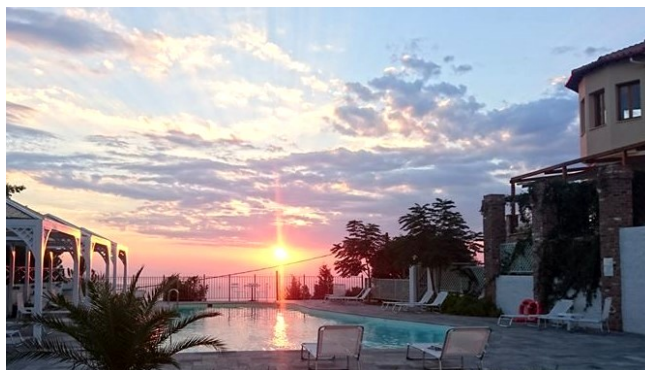
## THE VILLAGE OF LAFKOS - SOUTH PELION

Lafkos is one of the 24 officially 'listed' villages in the region of Pelion, about 45 km from the city of Volos. Medieval paths (Kalderimia) stretch around this car-free village and further afield to neighbouring villages and the sea. Three museums and five tavernas are open all year. The smell of freshly baked bread in a wood-fired oven draws you to the bakery shop. The village has three small 'mini-markets', a craftsman jeweller, home made soaps and a gift shop. In under 10 minutes you can walk from the hotel through the village lanes to the square with its imposing church and plane trees. View <http://www.southpelion.com/index.html>



### LAGOU RAXI COUNTRY HOTEL \*\*\*

Lagou Raxi Country Hotel (330m) opened in 2014 and was built according to the local traditional architecture. It has a breathtaking view of the Pagasitic Gulf and it's also close to the Aegean sea. There is an easy footpath from the hotel down to Milina. The British/French owners are putting their own cultural and culinary accents to add to the Greek traditions, which results in a very attractive mix. The hotel has a good-sized swimming pool and an all-weather tennis court as well as the Library, Terrace, Azure Restaurant, yoga mats and the purpose-built 'Atelier' or workroom.



2017  
courses:

- \* Mediterranean Garden and Landscape Design and Planting (English & German language editions)
- \* Plants of Pelion: Therapies/Foraging/Cuisine in the Garden of the Gods
- \* Botanical Painting from the hills and shores of South Pelion (English and Greek language editions)
- \* Olive! Creating sculptures and decorative/wearable 'Objets d'art' (English/Italian/Greek/French)
- \* Classic and Contemporary Mosaics Workshop



The courses are held in association with the Mediterranean Garden Society  
A donation will be made to the Society for each course participant

**CONTACT** For more information and to reserve a place on one of the courses  
See our website [www.lagouraxi.com](http://www.lagouraxi.com) for reviews of previous participants

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