



**CLASSIC AND CONTEMPORARY MOSAICS
WORKSHOP IN MARBLE**
2017 DATES 15 - 22 September

PROGRAMME

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

- Friday** * Arrival of participants - Meet & Greet - Short Introduction to the history of Ancient Greek and Roman mosaics - Welcome Dinner at the hotel
- Saturday** * Getting started: Discussion of the uses and styles of contemporary mosaics with an overview of mosaic materials. Students will each do a small piece using 5mm stone. Fundamentals of mosaic techniques including how to cut and lay the tesserae using the direct method. Discussion of design principles and ideas. Students choose their own 30cm by 30cm piece to work on. Possibilities include doing a Roman copy, using a mosaic 'pattern' or the student's own design. Afternoon: visit to one of Pelion's remote and beautiful beaches and Byzantine mosaic relics
- Sunday** * Preparing the substrate, laying out the design and starting work. Discussion of the Roman and other rules of laying
- Monday** * Students continue with their own pieces with Helen's support and direction
- Tuesday** * Students continue with their own pieces. Discussion and demonstration of other mosaic methods - the direct method on mesh and the indirect method. Students work at different paces so students who want to can start a second piece on mesh
- Wednesday** * Students continue with their own pieces. Grouting lesson and completion of work. Afternoon: Excursion to visit some Pelion monasteries and other sites of interest
- Thursday** * All students work on a second mosaic on mesh to be completed at home and prepare for exhibition of their main work in the seminar room of the hotel. Exhibition and Farewell Dinner
- Friday** * Departure of participants, or a rest over the weekend*
- *please ask if you would like to stay for extra nights



COURSE TUTOR - HELEN MILES

Born in Scotland and now based in Edinburgh, Helen studied English at Oxford University and began her career as a journalist working in England, America and Egypt before moving to Greece in 2001 where she trained in mosaics with Greek master craftsmen in Thessaloniki and Athens and lived for 15 years.

"I have always loved things which are made by the slow and deliberate accumulation of parts: the result seems casual, organic and simple but the process is usually long and far from effortless. So it is with mosaics," writes Helen who became fascinated with mosaics soon after moving to the UNESCO World Heritage city of Thessaloniki and who has spent more than a decade immersed in the medium, teaching, writing and selling her work.



Helen works in Greek stone and marble and makes classically inspired mosaics for interior spaces. Please see the gallery of her work on www.helenmilesmosaics.org/gallery

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.

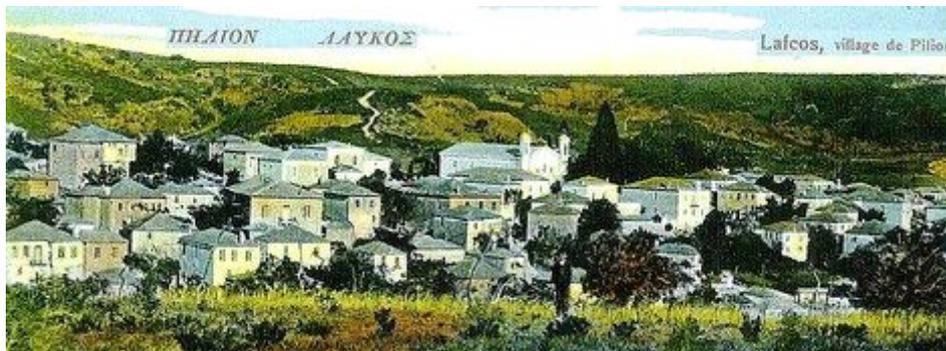
Single room	Twin double occupancy	Triple double occupancy
695 €	575 €	675 €

- * 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 workshop.



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 for reviews of previous participants

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