



**16th MED Gathering
5th S. Europe Sub-Region Gathering
Athens, Greece 19-24/10/2018**



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Dear friends,

The **Joint Committee of Former Scouts and Guides of Greece (ESPPOE)** invites you to the **16th Mediterranean** and the **5th Southern Europe Sub-Region Gathering** which will take place from 19 to 24 October 2018 in Athens, the city which has been inhabited since the Neolithic Era, with an ancient civilisation and a fascinating history; a city which thousands of years ago gave birth to Democracy, yet now so modern and active, that surprises you with its contrasts and diversity!

The Gathering is open to all members of adult Scouts and Guides Fellowships, not only from the Mediterranean countries, but also to all those who would like to participate, and have the opportunity to get to know our country, its culture, its everyday life, its people.

During the Gathering we shall experience our theme, **“Mediterranean - A sea Odyssey”**, expanded through all our activities, among which, getting to know the most important points of interest in and around Athens, such as the Acropolis Museum and the Attica peninsula on our way to the historic site of Marathon and the temple of Poseidon at Cape Sounion!

A detailed program will be sent to the participants in due time.

The Gathering will be hosted at the 5-star **Titania Hotel** (www.titania.gr), located right in the heart of Athens, easily accessible from/to the Eleftherios Venizelos airport, with a view to the Acropolis, and close to the main attractions of the city.

Participation fee per person is €450,00 in a **double** room, €430,00 in a **triple** room, €620,00 in a **single** room and includes:

- Hotel accommodation in double, triple or single rooms for 5 nights, starting from the 19th of October.
- All meals including one soft drink per person, starting with breakfast on the 20th of October, and ending with breakfast on the 24th, with the exception of the lunch on the day visiting the Acropolis Museum.
- Transport from/to the airport
- Transportation to the sites in Athens and nearby areas, according to program.
- Entrance fee to the Acropolis Museum with guided tour.

Participation fee **does not** include:

- Travel costs to/from Athens
- Extra nights at the hotel, before or after the Gathering
- Drinks
- Personal and/or travel insurance
- Tips, hotel incidentals, personal expenses.

The daily rate per person for **extra night(s)** at the Titania hotel, before or after the Gathering, is €40,00 for a **double** room, €36,00 for a **triple** room and €74,00 for a **single** room, covering accommodation and breakfast.

A **post-Gathering tour** to the Peloponnese with its unique history, its archaeological sites and its amazing natural beauty will follow, **from 24 to 27 October**, returning to Athens on Saturday the 27th, **at about 19.30**.

The rate per person is €270 in a **double** room and € 300 in a **single** room, covering hotel accommodation for 3 nights, half board, transportation and entrance fees for guided tours to archaeological sites.

The rate **does not** include lunches, drinks, hotel incidentals, tips, personal expenses.

Having the city of Kalamata as our base, we shall visit the archaeological sites of Ancient Messene, byzantine Mystras and Ancient Olympia as well as the cities of Sparta, Pylos and Koroni.

More information will be available in due time. You may, however, look up these sites at the following links:

<http://www.visitgreece.gr/en/mainland/messinia>

http://www.ancientmessene.gr/index_en.php

<http://whc.unesco.org/en/list/511>

<http://www.visitgreece.gr/en/mainland/olympia>

http://www.visitgreece.gr/en/main_cities/sparta

Like our Facebook page **16th Med Gathering Athens 2018** and very soon you will also be able to visit our website www.medgathering2018.gr which is under construction.

We hope that you will respond to our invitation and we shall do our best for you to enjoy the traditional Greek hospitality, to share exciting moments and new experiences.

See you then in October, in Athens, to the 16th Mediterranean and the 5th Southern Europe Sub-Region Gathering!

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Chair of the Organizing Committee

Attached:

- Registration form
- Instructions
- Visa requirement document