

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT IS IONIAN VILLAGE FAMILY CAMP?

Ionian Village is a unique summer camping program for Greek Orthodox families located in Greece and operated by the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America. Participants travel across Greece, venerate the relics of saints, walk in the footsteps of the Apostles and visit significant sites of Greek history and culture. They also participate in a fun and exciting summer camp program that build on faith and family with a typical camp program setup- Arts and Crafts, Athletics, Evening Program, etc.

WHERE IS IONIAN VILLAGE?

Ionian Village is located on a stretch of ocean front property in Bartholomio, Greece. The property is about 130 stremata, the Greek equivalent of acres, and lays along the western coast of the Peloponnese, directly across from the island of Zakynthos.

WHAT AGES ARE WELCOMED?

Families with children of all ages are welcomed. The program will have activities for everyone. That said, as a family you should look closely at the travel schedule especially if you have very young children to discern whether or not your little one will be able to keep up with the different trips.

DO I NEED TO KNOW GREEK?

No, you do not need to speak Greek to participate! Of course, you will be exposed to the language and culture of Greece but the Family Camp program will be conducted in English.

HOW IS THE FOOD?

Excellent! Our camp cook, Kyrie Sophia, stresses the importance of a well-balanced diet by offering a variety of traditional home-cooked Greek dishes.

CAN I CHOOSE TO OPT OUT OF ONE OF THE TRAVEL DAYS?

Yes, you can choose to stay back at the camp but keep in mind you will be responsible to get your own food during the time we are gone (there are restaurants in walking distance) and you will not be reimbursed any money for the trip.

WHAT IS INCLUDED IN THE CAMP FEE? WHAT ADDITIONAL MONEY SHOULD I BRING?

Your camp registration covers all of your food, transportation, and accommodations from the time we pick you up at the Athens airport until we drop you off excluding 3 lunches when you are on your own exploring. You may want to bring some extra spending money to buy items from the camp store, or to purchase souvenirs while traveling throughout Greece with the group. There are many items in Greece that you will not find elsewhere.

WHAT ARE THE ACCOMMODATIONS LIKE?

Each family will have their own cabin with bunk beds to sleep in. Restroom facilities are a short walk from the cabins.

WILL I BE ABLE TO DO LAUNDRY?

Yes. You are allowed to do use the washing machine but your clothes will need to be hung to dry. We will have a sign up sheet at camp to reserve the washer. You can buy detergent and clothes pins at the camp store.

WHAT TYPE OF MONEY SHOULD I BRING?

As you all know, the currency in Greece is now the Euro. We will offer participants a chance to exchange money during the first few days at camp. Participants may also use an ATM card to make withdrawals on trips, however, ATMs will not be available on every travel day (small villages, monasteries, etc). As always, Traveler's Checks are an excellent way to travel with money.