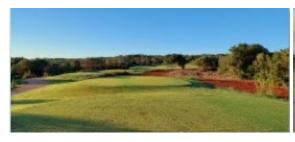




2021 MESSINIA PRO-AM AT COSTA NAVARINO IS NOW SOLD OUT

The annual event featuring golf on the world's first "International Olympic Academy Golf Course" will welcome a record 75 international teams





5 October 2021 - Messinia, Greece – Golfers across Europe have shown how keen they are to experience the Mediterranean's prime sustainable destination, with places for this year's **Messinia Pro-Am** at <u>Costa Navarino</u> having sold out months ahead of the event taking place.

A record 75 teams from all over the continent will gather in Greece's south-west Peloponnese from **November 24-27** to compete in the fifth annual Messinia Pro-Am, which for the first time will feature golf across three courses including the world's first **'International Olympic Academy Golf Course'** – launched in partnership with the International Olympic Academy and the Hellenic Olympic Committee – which is one of the two new José María Olazábal-designed courses at **Navarino Hills**.

Sanctioned by the Confederation of Professional Golf and held under the auspices of the PGAs of Greece and the Hellenic Golf Federation, this year's line-up in the 54-hole international event will feature entries from 20 different countries including Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Romania, Russia, Sweden, Switzerland, Slovakia, The Netherlands and the UK, as well as the host nation, Greece.

Professionals will join amateurs and celebrity golfers to compete on Costa Navarino's award-winning **The Dunes Course**, **The Bay Course** and the **International Olympic Academy Golf Course** for a total prize fund of €50,000.

An established part of the global golf calendar, the Messinia Pro-Am also includes a fascinating programme of themed events and dinners with the emphasis on fun and friendship. As in previous years, the social side of the tournament features a charity evening for SOS Children's Villages, and the prizegiving ceremony.

Named as the **'World's Best New Golf Development'** at the **2020 World Golf Awards**, Navarino Hills is one of Europe's most eagerly awaited golf developments. Situated over 125 hectares overlooking the historic Bay of Navarino and the Ionian Sea, it features two





18-hole courses, the first of which is the **International Olympic Academy Golf Course**, measuring 6,366m in length. The second course will measure 6,280m.

When both Navarino Hills courses open to all visitors in spring 2022, Costa Navarino will offer its guests four signature golf courses to enjoy within a maximum distance of 13km from each other, further enhancing its status as one of Europe's leading golf destinations.

The official carrier of the fifth annual Messinia Pro-Am is this year once again **AEGEAN Airlines** (www.aegeanair.com), a member of Star Alliance, the strongest global aviation alliance. AEGEAN, the award-winning airline (Skytrax Best Regional Airline, 4-star COVID-19 Airline Safety, etc) is in partnership with Costa Navarino, the <u>Confederation of Professional Golf</u> (CPG) and <u>PGA of Greece</u> and offers free of charge tickets for the Professionals, special airline ticket prices for Messinia Pro-Am participants as well as other added benefits such as free transfers of the golf bags.

The event organizer and official travel partner is <u>Erasmus</u>, with <u>Hertz</u> the official car transfer partner and <u>Alpha Bank</u>, <u>Vodafone</u> and <u>Kyvernitis</u>, the tournament's silver sponsors. Other partners include <u>AMPS</u>, <u>Poseidonia restaurant</u>, <u>Gancia</u>, <u>Jose Cuervo</u>, <u>Glenfiddich</u>, <u>NISSOS</u>, <u>The Wagon Bar & Events</u>, <u>Vourakis</u> and <u>Kayak</u> ice creams.

For more information on the 2021 Messinia Pro-Am, please visit **messiniaproam.costanavarino.com**

You can view the 2021 Messinia Pro-Am preview video here

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ABOUT COSTA NAVARINO

Costa Navarino is the prime, sustainable destination in the Mediterranean, located in the Greek region of Messinia in the southwest Peloponnese. One of the most unspoiled and breathtaking seaside Mediterranean landscapes, this area has been shaped by 4,500 years of history.

Its philosophy is driven by a genuine desire to promote Messinia, while protecting and preserving its natural beauty and heritage. It will comprise a number of distinct sites featuring five-star deluxe hotels, luxury private residences, conference facilities, spa and thalassotherapy centers, signature golf courses, as well as a wide range of unique year-round activities for adults and children.

Navarino Dunes, the first area, is home to two luxury five-star hotels, The Romanos, a Luxury Collection Resort, and The Westin Resort Costa Navarino; Navarino Residences, a collection of luxury villas for private ownership; and The Residences at The Westin Resort Costa Navarino – fully furnished resort apartments for sale; the signature golf course The Dunes Course; Anazoe Spa, a





4,000m2 spa and thalassotherapy center; the state-of-the-art conference center House of Events; specially designed facilities for children; and a variety of gastronomy venues, sports, outdoor and cultural activities.

Navarino Bay, the second area, is home to the signature golf course, The Bay Course and to the earth-sheltered Bay Clubhouse, while an ultra-luxury, all suite and pool villas resort is currently under construction, alongside an upscale, vibrant, lifestyle resort at the nearby site Navarino Waterfront.

At Navarino Hills, two new 18-hole signature golf courses are also being constructed and will open in spring 2022.

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