



AEGEAN AIRLINES AND COSTA NAVARINO INTRODUCE FIRST-EVER AEGEAN MESSINIA PRO-AM

Europe's newest golf destination to host the joint golf event, September 14-17, 2022

31 May 2022 – <u>AEGEAN Airlines</u> and <u>Costa Navarino</u> are set to welcome the most important tournament in the destination's golfing calendar this autumn. The first-ever **Aegean Messinia Pro-Am 2022**, which unites two major golf events, will be held September 14-17, at Europe's newest golf destination.

The inaugural 54-hole event, which will merge the established Aegean Pro-Am and Messinia Pro-Am, will take place across three out of four Costa Navarino's signature 18-hole golf courses – <u>The Dunes Course</u>, the world's first International Olympic Academy Golf Course and The Hills Course at <u>Navarino Hills</u>, the two new layouts that opened in February 2022.

Sanctioned by the <u>Confederation of Professional Golf</u> and supported by the Hellenic Golf Federation and the PGA of Greece, the Aegean Messinia Pro-Am will feature a maximum of 75 teams, with each team comprising of one professional and three amateurs. The tournament's total prize fund will reach €70,000.

Offering the opportunity to compete for an array of top individual and team prizes, the four-day event will also include a fascinating program of themed social events.

Team registration for the 2022 Aegean-Messinia Pro-Am is now open and is on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information for the packages and to book, please visit www.aegeanmessiniaproam.com. AEGEAN Airlines is offering special airline ticket prices for the tournament's participants.

Katia Avramidou, General Legal Counsel of AEGEAN Airlines, and Board member of the Confederation of Professional Golf noted: "Following the successful international golf tournament "Aegean Airlines Pro-Am" endorsed by CPG (former PGAs of Europe) for 14 consecutive years, it is our pleasure to set a new goal with our partners in Costa Navarino and design a new Pro-Am that will become a milestone golf event for distinguished PGA professionals and golf enthusiasts from all over the world. We are certain that the "Aegean Messinia Pro-Am", would have been a wishful junction for the late Captain Vassilis Constantakopoulos and Theodore Vassilakis and one of their dearest visions".

Nuno Sepulveda, General Manager of Costa Navarino Golf, said: "This is a landmark year for Costa Navarino with the opening of two new golf courses at Navarino Hills, bringing our total offering to four courses of the highest standards. AEGEAN Airlines is a long-term partner of Costa Navarino, and we're delighted to join forces in presenting this new pro-am





to the world, showcasing the many golf, leisure and hospitality offerings at Europe's newest golfing destination."

Designed by two-time Masters champion José María Olazábal and situated over 125 hectares overlooking the historic Bay of Navarino and the Ionian Sea, the International Olympic Academy Golf Course made its debut alongside the neighboring Hills Course and the new Hills Clubhouse at the start of the 2022 golf season. Complementing the Navarino Hills layouts during the Aegean-Messinia ProAm, is the Bernhard Langer and EGD-designed Dunes Course.

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About AEGEAN

AEGEAN is Greece's largest airline and a member of Star Alliance, the world's strongest global airline alliance. AEGEAN and its subsidiary Olympic Air in 2019 carried 15 million passengers and the 2022 network covers 156 destinations (31 domestic and 125 international) to 42 countries. The company has been honored, for the 10th consecutive year and 11th time in the last 12 years, with the 2021 Skytrax World Airline award, as the Best Regional Airline in Europe. AEGEAN, has recently received, a 4-star award from Skytrax (4-Star COVID 19 Arline Safety Rating), as it was certified that from the beginning of the pandemic and with the same commitment until today, is implementing the highest standards and best practices proposed by the World Health Organization, ICAO and IATA for the protection of passengers and crew.

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 comprises 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 4,000 m² 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 the earth-sheltered Bay Clubhouse, and is set to welcome the Mandarin Oriental, Costa Navarino in 2023. At the nearby site Navarino Waterfront, the upscale, vibrant W Costa Navarino is expected to open in summer 2022.

At Navarino Hills, two new 18-hole signature golf courses are open as of February 2022. www.costanavarino.com

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