

Navarino Agora, a microcosm of handpicked experiences to launch on 1 July 2023

Costa Navarino introduces a fresh take on the marketplace concept, for visitors and locals to dine, shop and be entertained



Messinia, 22 June 2023 - <u>Costa Navarino</u>, the sustainably driven destination in the Mediterranean, located in the Greek region of Messinia, southwest Peloponnese, introduces <u>Navarino Agora</u>. This new curated marketplace and incubator of art and culture will enrich the Messinian experience for everyone who visits or lives in the region. The contemporary take on the ancient agora concept, is in a privileged seaside setting at the Navarino Waterfront area and will open on 1 July.

Navarino Agora will welcome all guests and homeowners of Costa Navarino, as well as locals and visitors of Messinia, in a vibrant, multicultural environment where tradition meets modernity. The new market will showcase handpicked retail, restaurants and street food venues, an open-air cinema, VR entertainment, alongside a rich program of events featuring music and dance performances, art and book exhibitions, antiques bazaar and much more, introducing visitors to both local and international cultural experiences.

Across more than 20 retail venues, visitors will find a wide range of luxury and handcrafted clothing, shoes and beachwear, accessories, eyewear, jewellery, beauty and health products, books and homeware, alongside beauty and travel services, and a museum shop.

Various partnerships which encapsulate Costa Navarino's multifaceted character and experience-based philosophy, will enrich the offering at Navarino Agora.

As part of the collaboration between the internationally acclaimed Kalamata Dance Festival and the Captain Vassilis and Carmen Constantakopoulos Foundation, Navarino Agora will host two dance performances during July. Within the same month, further events which aim to showcase the local cultural heritage will be held in partnership with the Foundation, starting with a music performance inspired by Ancient Messinia, while the first book bazaar will also take place.

In August, the first antiques bazaar will be held, while a classical music concert, part of the "International Kalamata Music Days" festival, will welcome visitors.

Through the strategic partnership with the Athens School of Fine Arts, students will showcase their work during the "Art Market" that will be held in September. Within the same month, the open-air cinema will host the curated program "Oxbelly Nights" in collaboration with Danaos Cinema and the renowned Greek nonprofit Oxbelly, founded by producer Christos V. Konstantakopoulos, presenting the opportunity to enjoy masterpieces on the big screen and have a discussion of the film with talent in attendance.

In a welcoming environment where creativity flourishes, Navarino Agora will also play host to portrait sketching, storytelling of myths and legends, and regular music and dance performances in association with local cultural organizations.

Complemented by a wide variety of dining options, ranging from Mediterranean and fusion cuisine to street food venues with Greek, Middle Eastern and seafood flavors, alongside ice-creams, wines and beverages, visitors will benefit from an abundant choice of offerings. The gastronomy front is further enriched through olive oil tasting sessions, introducing participants to its discerning characteristics and subtle flavors. Furthermore, Navarino Agora will host local cheese and wine pairings, a lively openair market with fruit & vegetables, and a wine festival in September.

For more information, visit: Navarino Agora

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About Costa Navarino

Costa Navarino is a sustainably driven destination in the Mediterranean, located in Messinia in the southwest Peloponnese of Greece. Graced with a breath-taking seaside landscape, this is a region shaped by 4,500 years of history. The Costa Navarino philosophy is driven by a genuine desire to preserve the natural beauty and heritage of Messinia. The destination comprises several distinct sites featuring five-star hotels, luxury private residences, a world-class golf experience, and many year-round activities. Navarino Dunes is home to The Romanos, a Luxury Collection Resort, The Westin Resort Costa Navarino, and Costa Navarino Residences. Navarino Bay is set to welcome the Mandarin Oriental, Costa Navarino in summer 2023. Both sites have an 18-hole signature golf course. The nearby Navarino Waterfront is the setting for the new, vibrant W Costa Navarino and will welcome the Navarino Agora, a curated marketplace, in summer 2023. While at Navarino Hills, two signature golf courses opened in February 2022.

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