



Buzzing Retreat: Exploring Pollinators & biodiversity in Spetses.

Bee-come One with Nature at
Buzzing Retreat.

10-12 May | 2024



Spetses Island

Spetses, a charming Greek island nestled in the Saronic Gulf, exudes timeless beauty and tranquility. With its picturesque harbors, cobblestone streets, and fragrant pine forests, Spetses offers a serene escape from the hustle and bustle of everyday life. Rich in history and culture, this island is a heaven for those seeking a blend of relaxation and exploration, where beautiful beaches meet historic landmarks. The island's biodiversity is a hidden treasure, with very old forests that are home to a diverse range of flora and fauna. Whether you're strolling through its idyllic streets, basking in the Mediterranean sun, or exploring the island's ancient woodlands, Spetses is an enchanting destination that captivates the heart and soul.





Accommodation

The facilities of the AKSS Foundation (Anargyrion & Korgialenion School of Spetses) near the traditional settlement of Spetses and the unique pine forest of the foundation – which covers about half of the island and ensures its sustainable development – played a key role in the activities of AKSS, during the period of operation of the School and its boarding school (1928-1983) and during the period that followed.

With gradual upgrades, the facilities have become a magnet for national and international educational and research activities. In addition, the facilities – and in particular the 1100-seat outdoor theater on the adjacent property hill of the Foundation have hosted important cultural activities.

[extended presentation of the foundation](#)





Daily Program

10.5 Friday

Arrival

20:00 Get together dinner at “Patralis” restaurant, Spetses.

E-bikes disposal*

Accommodation arrangements at AKSS

* no visitors cars are allowed in Spetses





Daily Program

11.5 Saturday

10:00 PM - 12:00 PM:

- **Pollinators Hotel Activity.**
- Location: Anargyreios and Korgialenios School amphitheatre.
- Activity: Participate in the Pollinators Hotel program, which includes painting and a discussion about the importance of pollinators and local biodiversity.
- Short hike into the Spetses forest installing pollinators hotels

14:00-17:00

- Lunch in Dapia (centre of the island)
- Meeting with the Sustainable Development Team of the Municipality of Spetses

18:00-19:30

- Bike tour

20:30

- Dinner & Cocktails at Bikini Old Harbor



Pollinators garden

As part of our immersive retreat experience, we are delighted to offer a unique opportunity to explore and engage with the serene beauty of Spetses. Nestled right in front of your accommodation is a specially curated Pollinators Garden, a visionary project brought to life by our esteemed sponsor, NAK KATSIBERIS INSURANCE.

Join us for an enlightening session where we will delve into the significance of this habitat, dedicated to protecting and nurturing pollinators. The garden stands as a testament to our commitment to environmental stewardship and biodiversity conservation. During our interactive discussions, we will unravel the crucial role that pollinators play in maintaining the delicate balance of ecosystems and sustaining life on our planet.

Discover how each of us can contribute to the well-being of pollinators and their habitats, learning practical ways to support these vital creatures.





The Municipality of Spetses

Green Island Vision: Transforming Spetses into a sustainable haven.

Leadership & Initiatives

- Historic Mayorship: First female Mayor in 200 years
- Youthful Leadership: Dynamic and young with a focus on positive change
- Parental Insight: A mother leading for a sustainable future

Municipal Team

- Taskforce for Sustainability
- Dedicated team seeking innovative solutions

Key Sustainability Priorities

- Water, Recycling, Waste, Resources Management, Climate Change
- Energy-Efficiency, Transitioning to eco-friendly lighting

Community Engagement

- Collective Commitment
- Encouraging community involvement for a better Spetses



Mrs. Evgenia Fraggia, Mayor of Spetses





12.5 Sunday

Daily Program

10:00 AM:

- Departure to Agia Paraskevi apiary via mini-bus.

10:30 AM - 10:45 AM:

- Participants put on bee suits and receive instructions by the "Bee for Planet" team.

10:45 AM - 11:45 AM:

- Beekeeper Petros Iliadis, co-founder of "Bee for Planet," provides insights into the world of pollinators and uses biomimicry to draw parallels between bees and corporations.

12:00 PM - 12:30 PM:

- Change out of bee suits, return to regular clothing.
- Honey tasting experience (8 different varieties of honey), refreshing cool water.
- Discussion on the honey-making process.

12:30 PM - 1:00 PM:

- Head back for lunch

13:30

- Lunch at “Akroghalia” restaurant

Return to Athens



**“If the bee disappeared off the surface
of the globe, then man would only
have four years of life left ”**
- Albert Einstein



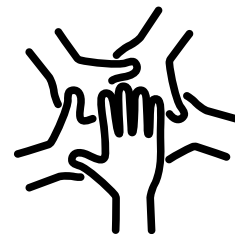


Program Benefits



1

Contribute to the preservation of polinator populations and food production.



2

Foster team-building and pride in making a difference through hands-on beekeeping activities.



3

Showcase your commitment to sustainability and responsible business practices.

"Protecting pollinators is essential for our environment."

"For hives and humans, the more collaborative they are, the more productive they are"



Certificate

Bee for Planet Organization
Offers: Level 1 Pollinator
Awareness Certificate.



LEVEL 1 POLLINATOR AWARENESS CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that:

NAME

**Has successfully completed the
Level 1 Pollinator Awareness
Program.**

You have gained foundational knowledge about
pollinators and bees:

1.Beehive Visit: You explored an actual beehive and
learned about bee roles through biomimicry.

2.Pollinator Hotel Activity: You contributed to
pollinator preservation by creating pollinator hotels
in the Spetses forest. This program deepened your
understanding of pollinator importance in our
ecosystem.

May 12, 2024

Date

Petros Iliadis- Beekeeper

Signature

Bee for Planet

As professional beekeepers, together with the bees, we preserve the diversity of species on planet earth. We are a Civil Society Organization (CSO) created so that our action has an impact for everyone. We strive to raise awareness about the importance of pollinators, the threats they face and their contribution to sustainable development. We take actions that create value for all. We create tools so that the impact of these actions can be measured. Bees and other pollinators have been alongside humans since the beginning of human history. Without them, life would have disappeared from the planet. The United Nations General Assembly announced in New York in December 2017 that bees have World Bee Day on 20 May. Bees support 170,000 species of plants that support 200,000 species of animals.



Practical Info

Athens-Kosta drive: 3hours

Ferry Piraeus-Spetses: 2h 35m – 3h 10m

Feri/Taxi from Kosta-Spetses-Kosta: 10-15 min

Ferry from Piraeus to Spetses: <https://www.ferryscanner.com/>

Sea Taxi (Kosta-Spetses-Kosta): 6979895689, 6932421101

Taxi (Spetses): 6946853253, 6944605784, 6932200240

Horse Carriage (Spetses): 22980-73171

Ferry boat Kosta-Spetses: 8.00 - 10.20 - 13.30 - 16.50

Ferry boat Spetses-Kosta: 7.20 - 10.00 - 13.00 - 16.30



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