Frequently Asked Questions about the Yavvakou Excursion:

Participation:

- **Can I join the excursion using my own vehicle or other means of transportation?**
  You may join using a car of your own or other means of transportation; nevertheless, the package price per person includes transport by private bus, hence the corresponding transport costs must be paid for your booking to be valid. As a result, no discount will be applied on the total cost of the trip.

- **Will I and my group of friends be able to leave the village of Yavvakou and exclude ourselves from the program of the other Members?** The program has been structured to provide the best experience for participants during the three-day stay. However, you may of course enjoy the degree of autonomy you choose.

- **Will I be able to go to a restaurant of my choice, other than the café-restaurant Youreiko?** The package price includes breakfast and 2 dinners at Youreiko. Nevertheless, you may go to other dining facilities at your own cost. [Here](#) you may find available dining establishments in the wider area and their contact details. Please note that the package price includes the cost of two meals; hence, should you choose not to make use of them, there will be no discount applied on the final cost of the excursion.

- **May I be joined in the excursion by one or more friends who are not Members?**
  To best serve requests and make the most of the limited accommodation in the village, the excursion is organized only for Members with an active subscription at the time of the trip.

- **I don’t have a family subscription, but my wife and I are Members. Can we bring along our two children and book a quad room?**
  All participants need to be Members with an active subscription at the time of the excursion.

- **I don’t have a family subscription, but I am a Member myself. May I bring along my underage child?**
All participants need to be Members with an active subscription at the time of the excursion.

- **What is included in the package price of the Vamvakou excursion:**
  - Transportation costs
  - Accommodation costs
  - Meals (breakfast and dinner)
  - 4 activities covered by the Membership Program and Vamvakou Revival

**Not included:**
- Personal expenses
- Extra meals
- Any activity referred to as “optional” in the Excursion Program
- Additional activities

**Payment:**

- **How is the final amount I will need to pay for my participation in the tour calculated?**
  After completing the Expression of Interest Form (Phase A of booking), a representative of Magna Travel Agency will contact you at the details you have provided to calculate the final amount based on the choice of accommodation and number of participants in your booking. This amount includes accommodation, transport, meals and free activities. Additional/ optional/ chargeable activities are not counted within the tour package and are payable.

- **What is the deadline to pay the amount corresponding to my booking?**

- **Is there a deposit I have to pay?**
  There is no deposit. The amount must be paid in full from the moment you receive confirmation and information from Magna Travel, and by 31/3/2023.

- **How do I pay?**
  You will receive full instructions and deposit details from Magna Travel Agency on how to pay. For your information, payments are made:
1. via bank transfer
2. via payment by credit card (credit card fee).

- **What is the above credit card fee?**
  If a Member wishes to pay by credit card, there is a charge of 3%. The payment will be made through a link sent by Magna Travel Agency. In case of payment by bank transaction, you will receive from the travel agency details of various bank accounts where you can deposit the amount.

**Cancellations:**

- **What if the excursion is canceled? Is there a refund policy (for part or all of the fee)?** Please refer to the [terms and conditions](#) for participation in the excursion.

- **If I am unable to come due to illness, will there be a refund?** Please refer to the [terms and conditions](#) for participation in the excursion.

**Accommodation:**

- **I do not wish to share a room with another person. Can I book an entire room (double, triple, quad) although I am only one person?** Perhaps at an additional cost?

  To best serve requests and make the most of the village's limited accommodation, it is possible that Members will be accommodated together with other Members whom they may not know. There is no possibility to book an additional number of beds without the corresponding participation of natural persons, because that would exclude other people who might wish to participate. So, an entire room, even at an additional charge, may not be booked by less people than it can accommodate.

- **Does the hotel rate include breakfast?** Yes, the package price includes breakfast at the accommodation of your choice, whichever of the 2 guesthouses you choose.
• **Is lunch included in the package price?**
  The package price includes breakfast and two dinners. Lunch is not included. If you wish to have an extra meal, snack or drink, you may do so at the area’s available establishments.

**Activities:**

• **What activities are included in the package price, in which I can participate at no extra cost?**
  The activities offered free of charge by the Membership Program and Vamvakou Revival are:
  (a) Guided tour of the village and presentation of the Vamvakou Revival project
  (b) Musical evening, offered by the Vamvakou Revival organization
  (c) Stargazing (weather and conditions permitting)
  (d) Cooking and Picnic Seminar
  (e) Parallel participation of children in an educational program

• **What are the additional/optional activities, in which I can participate at an extra cost?**

  Hiking (€20/person)
  Yoga (€15/person)
  Cycling (€10/person)
  Aromatherapy (€15/person)
  Environmental Program (€15/person)
  Pottery (€15/person)
  Weaving (€15/person)

  Please note that the minimum number of participants per activity is 15, and the maximum number is 20.

• **When do I have to register for the activities that interest me, and when do I have to pay my participation fee? May I pay by card?**

  You may register your interest for participating in additional/optional activities by telephone to the travel agency Magna Travel, which will then call you to confirm your booking. You may also express your interest on the day of the
activities, but your participation will depend on availability of seats. Participation fee will be paid on the spot on the day of the additional activity, by cash or debit card.

- **How many activities should I choose?** You may choose no activity at all, or up to 5 different activities.

- **Do I need any special equipment?** To participate, you will need sports shoes and comfortable clothing, as well as a water bottle.

- **What routes are included in the Hiking activity?** The ideal route is the path leading to the cave-monastery of Agia Kyriaki. Anyone, of any age, can walk it. The roundtrip hike lasts approximately 2 hours (Vamvakou - Agia Kyriaki - Vamvakou). More about routes [here](#).

- **In what physical condition/age do I need to be to participate in the activities?** All activities are low-difficulty, so anyone can join.

- **How old should my child be to participate in educational programs?** The ideal age for children to participate in educational programs is between 6 and 12 years old.

**Transportation:**

- **How long is the drive to Vamvakou?** Approximately 3 hours, from SNFCC to Vamvakou of Lakonia.

- **Will there be a stop during the drive?** We will be making a rest stop at the Artemisio Rest Area.

**Technical Facilities:**

- **Is there an ATM in Vamvakou?**

  The nearest ones are in Sparta and Tripoli (35-minute drive). If you wish to spend cash during the excursion, please make sure you have it with you in advance.
Sites managed by Vamvakou Revival are equipped with POS terminals. As for the activities in which you may wish to participate, you may pay for them by card.