

OPENING CEREMONY AND RECEPTIONSunday 22nd May

Accompanying persons are invited to the Congress Opening Ceremony which will be held on Sunday, May 22nd, 17:00 at the Congress Venue, the Athens Hilton Hotel. After the Opening Ceremony accompanying persons are welcome to join the Welcome Reception Cocktail which will take place at the hotel outdoor pool, at 20:30.



Price: included in the registration fee of accompanying persons

CULTURAL EVENT Monday 23rd May

Accompanying persons are invited to participate in this memorable cultural Event which will be held (weather permitting) in the Archaeological Sight of Roman Agora on Monday 23rd May at 21:00. Participants will leave from the Athens Hilton Hotel at 19:30. ICEF11 support staff will accompany them to the metro to Monastiraki station. Roman Agora is a 2 minutes walk from metro station. After the end of cultural event participants can enjoy a drink in Plaka before returning to their accommodation. Plaka is one of the most attractive districts of Athens, under the slopes of the Acropolis.

The Roman Agora located on the north side of the Acropolis, is a main attraction that is found in the general archaeological area of the historical centre of Athens.

(http://odysseus.culture.gr/h/3/eh351 .jsp?obj id=2402)

Cultural event will comprise two parts. In the first part, a theatrical dance act will be performed based on the myth of Minotaur. In Greek mythology, the Minotaur, as the Greeks imagined him, was a creature with the head of a bull on the body of a man or, "part man and part bull". He dwelt at the centre of the Cretan Labyrinth, which elaborate maze-like was an construction built for King Minos of Crete and designed by the architect Daedalus and his son Icarus who were ordered to build it to hold the Minotaur. The Minotaur was eventually killed by the Athenian hero







Theseus. This act will be performed by 8 dancers and is directed by the Official Choreographer of the Lighting Ceremony for the Olympic Games of Beijing, Mrs. Ignatiou.

In the second part of the cultural event, singers will present music composed by the two most significant Greek composers, Theodorakis and Xatzidakis. Manos Hatzidakis was a Greek composer, in 1960 he received an Academy Award for Best Original Song for his Song 'Never on Sunday' from the film of the same name. He is widely popular among Greeks and can be credited with the introduction of bouzouki music into mainstream culture. Mikis Theodorakis is one of the most popular Greek songwriters and composers, probably best known for his songs for the films 'Zorba the Greek' (1964) and 'Serpico' (1973).

Price: included in the registration fee of accompanying persons Departure from Hilton Athens Hotel at 19:30



OPTIONAL TOUR or CRUISE Tuesday 24th May









ATHENS WALKING TOUR

The tour will begin from the Athens Hilton Hotel at 15:30. Your guide will accompany you to the metro to the Acropolis station. From there you will enter the famous Plaka district (old town) until you reach the Acropolis where you will begin your ascent while taking in the spectacular views of the city below. Your guide will give you a detailed explanation of the glorious monuments of the Acropolis. Your tour will end at the New Acropolis Museum, (where the masterpieces of the Acropolis are displayed) which is the definite must for everybody visiting the city and the best way to complete the archaeological tour to the Acropolis of Athens (http://odysseus.culture.gr/h/3/eh351.jsp?obj id

After the end of the tour participants can enjoy an evening and dine on their own in Plaka. Plaka is one of the most attractive districts of Athens,

under the slopes of the Acropolis, where one can find a variety of traditional restaurants.

Price: included in the registration fee of accompanying persons

Inclusions: Local quide, Metro tickets, Entrance fees to the Acropolis and the

Acropolis Museum

Minimum participation: 25 persons

Departure from Hilton Athens Hotel at 15:30



CRUISE TO THE ISLAND OF AEGINA Tuesday 24th May

Enjoy a cruise to Aegina (http://www.aegina.com.gr/?lang=en), the biggest island of the Saronic Gulf, with the early 5th century BC Doric Temple of Aphaia Athena and the Cathedral of St. Nektarios.

You will depart from Athens Hilton Hotel by bus to the Zea Marina for your embarkation to the cruise boat. Coffee or coctails will be available during the voyage. At Aegina, wander around the little harbor town with the fish and fruit market and buy delicious pistachio nuts. Then you will sail to the picturesque village of Perdika where you will enjoy a traditional dinner. Arrival at Zea Marina about 22:30.









PRICE: €85/person

Minimum participation: 150 persons

Departure from Hilton Athens Hotel at 14:30

To register for the half day cruise as an accompanying person please contact **Natassa Tourkantoni:** regicef2011@triaenatours.gr

For Accompanying Persons the Athens Walking Tour (on May 24th) is included in their registration fees. However, they have the option to register for the Cruise to the Island of Aegina, on their own expenses. In that case, the same walking tour is also going to take place on Wednesday Morning, 25th. For more information please contact:

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GALA DINNER Wednesday 25th May, 20:30





The Gala Dinner of the Congress will be held on Wednesday 25th May in the restaurant BLE (http://www.theble.gr/pages/index.asp?catID=5 4&lang=en). The BLE is a fascinating restaurant by the sea in Alimos beach, just a few minutes drive from the heart of Athens. Delegates and accompanying persons will have the opportunity to enjoy a memorable event on a beautiful beach of Athens. Busses will depart from Athens Hilton Hotel at 19:45

Price €65/person

Departure from Hilton Athens Hotel at 19:45

To register for the Gala Dinner as an accompanying person please contact: **Natassa Tourkantoni:** regicef2011@triaenatours.gr