



#### **ABOUT OMILO**

OMILO was founded in 1996 by Maya and Dimitris Andreadis. It has since expanded into a successful language school. OMILO is about inspiring and motivating people.

The programs, the locations, the facilities, the teachers, the staff, the combination of classes with cultural events, make OMILO a place where people enjoy learning. Although the priority is providing top-quality training, OMILO also brings its students into direct contact with local customs, history and culture through various excursions and activities.

### WHY OMILO?

- We have been organizing courses successfully since 1997.
- We are here to help you from the moment you enroll.
- We know that having fun is an essential part of learning!
- **C** Small groups or specially designed individual programs.
- Lessons for all ages.
- Very experienced teachers, all university graduates.
- Various course locations and free afternoon/evening cultural activities.
- We combine absolute professionalism with the simple warmth of a "family feel".

# LANGUAGE AND DAILY LIFE IN GREECE

Greek is not an easy language to learn but it is a very interesting and rich language, which can keep you busy for many\_years! Our



students love to get the real Greek experience, be able to communicate with the locals and understand their culture. If you like to spend your holidays in Greece, you visit Greece regularly or you work or live in Greece, it is very useful and enjoyable to speak Greek.

#### THE TEACHERS

The OMILO teachers have been carefully selected according to their academic qualifications, experience and personality. They



are all university graduates, native Greek speakers, with many years of experience in teaching Greek as a foreign language. They are fluent in English and competent in other European languages, love their job and teach with passion. The teachers will help you establish clear learning objectives and will encourage you to speak Greek from the very first day. Your classes will be stimulating and fun.

Note: "Φύγαμε για ελληνικά!" (Off we go to learn Greek!), a language book to learn Modern Greek at an intermediate level, is written by OMILO teachers.

## THE PARTICIPANTS

Students at OMILO come from countries around the world and create an interesting, friendly and international classroom atmosphere. For group classes, adults from 17 to 85 are warmly welcome! Private lessons are possible for adults as well as for children from 8 years old.



## **OUR PROGRAMS**

#### We offer:

#### I. Greek language courses

- A.Greek courses in Athens: regular, intensive & private lessons
- B. Intensive 1- and 2-week courses in Nafplion (Peloponnese) & the islands Syros, Andros and Lefkada
  C. Online Greek Skype lessons

During the 1- and 2-week intensive courses, participants will be offered the opportunity to take part in various cultural activities during the afternoons.

#### II. Greek cultural workshops

During the Greek Cultural Weeks we offer workshops in: Mythology, Etymology, Introduction into Ancient Greek, Learning Greek with Greek Songs, Greek for Beginners and "Athens today".

For more information about those programs, please read on.









# I.A. GREEK COURSES IN ATHENS

Courses are held in Maroussi a beautiful northern suburb of Athens, 300 meters from the Maroussi Metro Station (green metro line).

#### a) REGULAR GROUP COURSES IN ATHENS 8 or 10 weeks, 2 days a week, morning or evening (total 40 or 50 hours)

Courses are meant for those residing

or staying for a longer time in Athens.

### b) 1- WEEK INTENSIVE GROUP COURSES IN ATHENS

6 days a week, 4 hours a day (total 24 hours)

**Tuition includes:** morning lessons, guided walks in Athens, tavern meal and extra afternoon activities.

#### c) PRIVATE INSTRUCTION IN ATHENS

We will work with you to tailor the program precisely to your needs. We can customize: course content, course dates and duration, the level of intensity, class size.

#### d) PREPARATION FOR GREEK EXAMINATIONS

#### Certificate of Attainment in Modern Greek

Learners of Modern Greek can obtain official recognition of their level by sitting an examination which is held annually (in May) in Greece and all over the world. This language qualification is recognized by the Hellenic Ministry of Education and the Centre for the Greek Language. OMILO organizes courses and private lessons to prepare for those examinations.







# I.B. GREEK COURSES IN NAFPLION, SYROS, ANDROS & LEFKADA

1 or 2 week courses, 4 hours/ day. Tuition includes: morning lessons, tavern meal and afternoon activities. For tuition fees and all course dates per location, please visit our website www.omilo.com.

#### a) ISLAND OF SYROS INTENSIVE COURSES

Syros lies in the middle of the Cycladic islands and opposite to Mykonos. The beautiful capital and main harbour of Syros is Hermoupolis, also the capital of all Cycladic islands. Hermoupolis is a walker's paradise with its small streets, little shops, cafes and the waterfront. The courses take place in Azolimnos, 4 km south of Hermoupolis. There is a sandy beach and there are plenty of tavernas right at the course location. A regular bus connection is available between Azolimnos and Hermoupolis. You can reach Syros by airplane from Athens or by ferry from Piraeus (4 hours), or from Mykonos island (1 hour).

#### b) ISLAND OF LEFKADA INTENSIVE COURSES

Lefkada (or Lefkas) is an island in the Ionian Archipelagos, on the west coast of Greece, situated south of Corfu. The landscape of the island has it all: mountains, forests, gorges, lagoons, white washed beaches and turquoise sea. The island has top quality beaches, many villages and all the services a visitor might look for. The course takes place in the traditional village of Aghios Nikitas. It has a very nice beach, taverns, cafes along the main street. Most of the village is accessible only on foot. Participants can fly to the nearby Aktio/Preveza airport, or travel by car/bus, since Lefkada is connected to the mainland by a long floating bridge.

#### c) NAFPLION INTENSIVE EASTER COURSE (PELOPONNESE)

Nafplion is a very picturesque town, next to the sea and only a 2-hour bus ride from Athens. The old town is dominated by the Palamidi fortress and its narrow streets have beautiful neoclassical buildings. Nafplion is a good base for exploring for many ancient sites (Mycenae, Theatre of Epidaurus,

Sparta, Mystras, Nemea, etc.). During the Easter course you can celebrate the traditional Greek Easter festivities together with OMILO and the locals.





#### c) ISLAND OF ANDROS INTENSIVE COURSES

Andros is one of the closest Cycladic islands to Athens and next to Tinos and Mykonos islands. The course takes place in Batsi, a picturesque village with several beaches, taverns and coffee-shops, offering the visitor all kinds of services and entertainment. Batsi is 5 km south of Gavrio, Andros' main port where all the ferries arrive. Andros does not have an airport, so students need to take a boat (2 hours) from Rafina (east of Athens airport) or from Mykonos and Tinos islands (1 hour).





# I.C. LEARN GREEK ONLINE WITH SKYPE LESSONS

Whichever language you are learning, the key to success is regular practice. OMILO's basic aim is to provide the opportunity to keep contact with the Greek language while at home! Using Skype, it is like a Greek private lesson, but online, with one of the OMILO teachers. Lessons can include any part of Greek you need: grammar, writing, vocabulary, pronunciation and conversation.

Info at: www.omilo.com/skype-lessons

# LANGUAGE LEVELS

OMILO has developed a successful approach to Greek language study, which makes it possible for you to learn quickly and efficiently. In all our courses we aim to build on our students' knowledge of the language and to expand it optimally. The small size of the groups enables our teachers to consider the individual wishes and needs of the participants. Our courses are designed to equip you with the skills necessary for every-day communication and to provide you with a solid foundation in the structure of the Greek language. OMILO teaches 6 levels, from Beginner's classes (Greek alphabet, basic conversation) to very advanced levels and can give more specialized courses if desired. For a detailed description of every language level, please consult the web-page at www.omilo.com.



# GREEK CULTURAL WEEKS IN ATHENS

Discover Athens, while learning more about the Greek culture, history and music.

Athens is not only known throughout the world for its ancient culture but certainly also for its contemporary art scene. Museums keep the old history alive while a vast number of theaters, concert halls, music "boîtes", modern galleries and street art make new cultural history. In Athens the old and the new often go hand in hand. Built on the crossroads of eastern and western world, the city never fails to impress its visitors. Full of contradictions and a typical Mediterranean capital, it is a colorful place, which never sleeps.

Enjoy our workshops, in an international atmosphere, while experiencing the Greek hospitality and daily Greek life in Athens!



# **II. CULTURAL WORKSHOPS**

OMILO offers the following workshops during the Greek Cultural Weeks:

- Greek mythology
- Greek etymology
- Introduction to Ancient Greek
- Learning Greek through Greek songs
- Athens Today
- Modern Greek for beginners

**Tuition includes:** workshop (2 hours/day from Monday till Friday), course materials, guided walks in Athens, 1 tavern meal. More activities are proposed with a small extra fee.

Visit our website for more information: www.omilo.com/cultural-week





# ACCOMMODATION DURING "OMILO" PROGRAMS

For every course location (Athens, Nafplion, Syros, Andros & Lefkada) we suggest some hotels of good value. This way participants can easily meet each other and can have contact during breakfast or other meals. If you do not need accommodation, or wish to arrange it yourself, you are welcome to join the courses, paying only the tuition fee. For detailed information about the hotels and their prices, please consult our website at:

www.omilo.com/accommodation

## What do our students say?

The "OMILO experience" was great! I don't think I have ever found such a perfect combination of quality in teaching, relevance and usefulness of the cultural and social activities and such a friendly and relaxing environment. Daniel, Spain

I still can't get over it that I learned in 2 weeks what I learn here at home in 1 year. I'm now babbling Greek at anyone who will listen! Love it!!!!! Bill, U.K.

➡ What most impressed me was your ability to combine absolute professionalism with the simple warmth of a "family feel". Quite magic and rare. Cerise sur le gateau : les cours de danse le soir, une belle occasion de plonger différemment dans la culture avec son coeur! Merci! Danae, France

Thank you so much for a wonderful program. You are a team with excellent teachers and warm people. You deserve a medal for dealing with all of us different clients in such a wonderful way. Keep me on your mailing list! Roberto, Italy

… ευχαριστώ πάρα πολύ για τα ωραία, καλά προετοιμασμένα, ενδιαφέροντα, αστεία, ποιοτικά... μαθήματα που μας κάνατε σε εξαιρετικά φιλική ατμόσφαιρα. Τα συγχαριτήριά μου Gudrun, Austria



➡ Diese Woche bei OMILO in Athen war ganz genial! Der Kurs war total gut, es war keine Minute langweilig und die Zeit verging so schnell. Ich bin wieder hochmotiviert und bleibe dran. Danke, danke, danke!!! Verena, Germany

➔ Your programme was fantastic and full of humor. I now feel so much more confident when speaking and am a lot more fluent than previously. Susanne, Norway

➡ I look back fondly on my course in Athens. The instructors were topnotch and I could easily have stayed there for another month. Thanks for showing me "the real Athens"! I love this city. Andrew, U.S.A

➡ Thank you for the quality of the lessons, the friendship among the "pupils", among "pupils" and "teachers" ... Your hospitality is warm and generous. Anna, The Netherlands

Thank you very much for the OMILO newsletters. They are really something special: they teach us Greek, give information about Greece and, besides, are entertaining! Seppo, Finland

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For further information or registration, please visit: www.omilo.com





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