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ATA Organised EVENT for 2021

A guided visit to Vouni Palace & Erson Organic Farm – actual date to be confirmed



Without dispute, the Vouni Palace tops the list of places that best answer your yearning for inner peace. The palace, which occupies a privileged place in Cyprus, has a beauty difficult to describe through its mysterious history and unrivalled view of mountains and seas. It is at the forefront of places where history and nature meet.

In approx 500BC the Persian-friendly King Doxandros, built the Vouni Palace on a hill some 267 metres above sea level in order to keep the rival town of Soli under control. A palace that today is the only example of Persian architecture not only in Cyprus but in the Eastern Mediterranean.

The palace, which had two floors in places and is constructed across three terraces, boasts a total of 137 rooms. It takes its name from “Vouno”, the Greek word for high peak, which through time came to be pronounced as “Vouni” as a name for the area.

After visiting the Vouni Palace we also visit Erson Hocas Organic Farm a place where you can breathe in fresh air from the sea and the mountains. With its stunning scenery the farm is the island’s first and only organic farm, and can even boast of having a first class restaurant serving all its own produce together with a boutique hotel -- *it is the story of a dream that came true.*



In 1996 their mother left Erson and Nursel 4 hectares of land in Yesilirmak on the western shores of our island. In 1996 Erson and Nursel had a dream. Today they have now completed the dream that they first dreamed of all those years ago.

Currently covering an area of 40 acres the farm consisting of rich flora and fauna and because of its microclimate within North Cyprus the Yesilirmak district and the farm in particular is therefore distinct from all other neighborhoods. The suitable climate and water resources in this microclimate allows for the farms fruits and vegetables to be grown naturally without any difficulty or need for modern pesticides or chemicals (All agricultural production processes are controlled and certified). The farm not only benefits human health and the environment, but it also contributes immensely to the conservation and development of the natural structure of the Yesilirmak district.

Walking through the long groves and picking fruit and vegetables directly



from the branches, a visit to this absolutely amazing beautiful farm is highly recommended and a visit you will remember forever.

During the visit to Erson Organic Farm, lunch will be served in their restaurant.

A tour itinerary will be published on the association Website and Facebook Group + Page once actual dates and costs are confirmed.

Be warned, numbers for this event are limited and so this event will sell out fast!

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