



HERMOUPOLIS TEXTILE MUSEUM

Hermoupolis Heritage



HISTORICAL TOUR OF THE ERMOUPOLIS TEXTILE MUSEUM

Located in a narrow street in the old industrial zone of Ermoupolis is hidden one between the 68 factories that the capital of the Cyclades had during its glorious industrial past.

It's the "Zisimatos Bros" textile factory, remained as it was on the day it stopped its production; a unique sample of the industrial heritage of Syros.

The "Hermoupolis Heritage" is proud to help the restoration and the real resurrection of this fantastic place.

The old factory, after several years of hard work, has been restored, and actually is offered to the visitor for a short imaginary travel through time. Passing through the old main entrance door, we can "discover" the traces of the workers life, all the commercial activities in the factory which developed, produced and manufactured material, and finally learn about the miracle of the textile industry that flourished in Ermoupolis in the end of 19th century and in the begging of the 20th century.

The learning, through reflection on doing, begins with a strange way: we enter to the factory with a lantern in hand as they did the workers, many years ago every morning in order to start their working day. The guide welcomes the visitors wearing the typical worker uniform and he makes an introduction to the past based on oral and written memories of 40 employees, till 1986, the date that the factory ceased its operation.

Then, the visitors also wear the typical worker uniform, they fill in the work card, as the workers did in the past, and they taste the traditional workers packed lunch brought from home. During the tour, the senses are activated through sounds, as the old diesel engine in the paint shop starts to operate, they are listening to the sewing machines gasping, and they even smell everywhere the "scent" of time passed by seeing the threads "frozen" in the looms!

All the above contribute to approaching history and culture in a pleasant way through an entertaining process that ends up gathering all the visitors around a wooden table where they taste the packed lunch made by traditional local products.



Historical tour of the Hermoupolis textile museum

Ticket prices

1. General Admission with guided tour

- in English: 20€
- in French (upon request): 20€

2. a) Reduced ticket with guided tour: 10€ (ID or card REQUIRED)

- People over 65 years old
- Children & young people 10-18 years old
- Students
- Unemployed people
- Military service personnel

2. b) Reduced ticket with guided tour: 5€ (ID or card REQUIRED)

- Children up to 10 years old
- Disabled persons and their companion
- Teachers accompanying schools
- AICA - ICOM - ICOMOS card holders
- Diplomatic guides
- Journalists
- Members of the Chamber of Fine Arts

Languages spoken: English, French (upon request)

Duration of the tour: 60 minutes

Included in the price: A mastic flavor traditional liquor and a snack made of dried figs



**Historical tour of the Hermoupolis textile
museum lunch included**



The "Red Pouch"

Inspired by the book "Chryso" by Rita Boumi-Pappa.

Tour in English: 30 euro

Languages spoken: English and French (upon request)

Duration of the tour: 60 minutes

Duration of the lunch: 30 minutes

Included in the price: A mastic flavor traditional liquor, a snack made of dried figs and the lunch

A bruschetta with:

- Cheese
- Onion
- Olives
- Tomato
- Halvas
- Water

The "Yellow Pouch"

Tour in English: 35 euro

Languages spoken: Greek, English and French (upon request)

Duration of the tour: 60 minutes

Duration of the lunch: 60 minutes

Included in the price: A mastic flavor traditional liquor, a snack made of dried figs and the lunch

Lunch:

- Cooked food in a "fayaja" metal can
- Bread
- Fruit
- Water
- Wine

The "Green Pouch"

Tour in English: 45 euro

Languages spoken: Greek, English and French (upon request)

Duration of the tour: 60 minutes

Duration of the lunch: 60-90 minutes

Included in the price: A mastic flavor traditional liquor, a snack made of dried figs and



In a cloth bag:

- Cooked food in a "fayaja" metal can
- Individual salad
- Individual pie
- Bread
- Dessert
- Water
- Wine
- Oyzo

Lunch presented and served in an old-fashioned way On waxed paper accompanied by live folkloric music (rebetica)

Group of 20 pax minimum

Adults: 80 euro

Students: 75 euro

Children till 18 years old: 70 euro

Languages spoken: Greek, English and French (upon request)

Duration of the tour: 60 minutes

Duration of the lunch: 120 minutes

Included in the price: A mastic flavored traditional liquor, a snack made of dried figs and Lunch presented and served in an old-fashioned way on waxed paper accompanied by live folkloric music (rebetica).

A lunch presented and served in an old-fashioned way on waxed paper contains:

- Stale bread
- Smoked pork (local recipe)
- Fennel sausage (local recipe)
- Onion
- Syros cucumber
- Syros tomatoes
- Stuffed grape leaves
- Olives
- Oregano
- Two different types of local cheese
- Individual appetizer
- Cooked food made with a typical Syros recipe with local products in a "fayaja" metal can.
- White local wine produced by "Syros Distillery"
- Local ouzo produced by " Makrionitis Distillery"
- Beer
- Fresh water
- Handmade typical dessert with a sweet with dried almonds and syrup
- A handmade gift souvenir from Syros

A group of local musicians playing and singing rebetika music and songs.

Guided tours for children

Prices

Group: 20 pax minimum

Children 5-18 years old: 5 euro

Sandwichesandsweetsserved : 15 euro Languages spoken: Greek, English and French

Children'slunch: 20 euro - Languages spoken: Greek, English and French

Duration: 60 minutes

Included in the price: A snack, fruit juice and fresh water.





General conditions

- In case of groups with a lot of people there is the possibility to adapt to the needs of visitors.
- In case of groups with a lot of people the visitors could be divided into groups of 25 pax with an interval of at least 10 minutes between them.
- All tours are prepaid either by issuing an invoice or by booking on a platform.
- Cancellations are not allowed. In case of notification at least 60 days in advance, a new date can be set upon request.
- The lunch tour must be booked at least 48 hours in advance.
- Only in case of unfavorable weather conditions the lunch can be transferred to the interior.
- It is forbidden to photograph and videotape during the tour. It is allowed afterwards.
- Pets are prohibited
- No smoking indoors

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