

# ARTTOURS

## **MANI** A Celebration of the Travels of Patrick Leigh Fermor

With **Artemis Cooper**

**7-12 May 2013**

[This itinerary is subject to amendment and Kardamyli subject to confirmation]

### **Introduction**

Patrick Leigh Fermor is one of Britain's most celebrated travel writers, whose books have never been out of print. Having travelled all over Eastern Europe he settled at Kardamyli in the Mani, where he built a house overlooking the sea. This tour is designed to celebrate his life, and explore the dazzling, rocky region he loved best in Greece and lived in for over forty years. We are delighted that the tour will be led by Fermor's friend and biographer **Artemis Cooper**, who will bring a unique insight into his life and personality. She will be joined by art historian James McDonagh. [Photo by Joan Leigh Fermor, with permission of the Trustees of the National Library of Scotland]



### Day 1 / 7 May      **London – Athens – Sparti**

Fly to **Athens** and begin journey to **Sparti** by private coach. There will be an introduction from Artemis Cooper en route as well as commentary from James about the history of the region. **Overnight in Sparti**

### Day 2 / 8 May      **Medieval Mistra**



It is a short drive to the magnificent medieval city of **Mistra**. Fermor described Mistra as 'this airy casket of a city'. Highlights include monasteries, churches and palace buildings filled with wall paintings and a rich variety of architecture. After lunch at a local tavern with panoramic views of the **Taygetos Mountains**, continue the journey into the deep Mani and to a luxurious hotel overlooking the sea

### Day 3 / 9 May      **Byzantine Treasures & Maniot Feuds**

Today you will see the **Byzantine treasures** of the Mani, including spectacular medieval wall paintings and forts. In the afternoon visit the Maniot village of **Vatheia**, the most striking hilltop town in the Mani. It was here that Fermor, led by a young local girl carrying a lamb over her shoulders, had his 'supper in the sky' at the summit of a Maniot tower



Day 4 / 10 May

**Patrick Leigh Fermor**

Begin with a drive filled with panoramic coastal views and spend the morning on a very special **private visit** to **Patrick Leigh Fermor's house at Kardamyli (TBC)**. Artemis Cooper will lead the day with talks about Fermor in this beautiful and tranquil setting. Lunch will be at the house and this is followed by a walk and swim



Day 5 / 11 May

**Monemvasia**



Monemvasia lies on a promontory linked to the mainland by a narrow causeway and is one of the most hauntingly beautiful and dramatically situated medieval towns in Europe. It is largely untouched since the 15<sup>th</sup> century. Explore winding medieval streets, Byzantine churches and wonderful views. After a delicious lunch in a rooftop restaurant, you will be shown the path to the town's remarkable **citadel**, commanding a staggering 360 degree panoramic view of the surrounding sea and mainland

Day 6 / 12 May

**Mani – Athens - London**

Depart by coach for Athens and for return flight

**BOOKING**

**Cost: £1,995 per person**

**Single room supplement: £270**

**Cost Includes:**

- Accommodation for **one** night in **Sparti** and **four** nights at a **4 Star** hotel by the sea in the **Mani**
- British Airways return flights in Economy Class
- Five lunches and three dinners (including wine)
- The services of two lecturers
- The services local guides and on site experts
- All transport by private coach
- All tips and taxes
- All site entry costs



**Not Included**

- Personal spending
- Two evening meals

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