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Melbourne's annual celebration of Greek cuisine will feature a program of events throughout the city's most popular Greek eateries

7 August - Now in its third year, **Flavours of Greece presented by Barbaresso Oyzo** will celebrate Greek cuisine and the flavours that make it so unique and admired across the globe.

For four weeks, a selection of Melbourne's best Greek restaurants will share their favourite dishes - and some of their culinary secrets - through a program of special dinners and events, each designed to showcase the best of Greek cuisine from the country's numerous regions.

Melbourne plays host to some of the most celebrated Greek eateries in the country, which vary from the romantically traditional to the most recent emergence of Greek street food. **Flavours of Greece** will capture the spirit of this ever-evolving phenomenon, presenting a mix of regional cuisine, classic feasts and contemporary culinary expression.

Visitors to this year's Lonsdale Street Festival this summer were treated to a taste of the **Flavours of Greece** program with the launch of a pop-up Ouzeri and Food Market. Highlighting the celebratory nature of Greek hospitality, the Ouzeri featured mezedes by Kalamaki Greek Street Food - capturing the spirit of the Greek Islands - while the market played host to cooking demonstrations by, among others, **Helena & Vikki** (My Kitchen Rules), **Kathy Tsaples** (Sweet Greek) and **Spiri Tsintziras** (*Afternoons in Ithaka*).

Joining the program this year are Food Safari's **Maeve O'Meara** and writer **Victoria Kyriakopoulos**, who will take people on guided walking tours of Oakleigh ending with a fabulous lunch.

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2014 Events

Spring Dinner @ The Deli

The Greek Deli and Taverna

583 Chapel Street, South Yarra | Bookings (03) 9827 3734

2 courses \$35 includes glass of wine and ouzo

Throughout Flavours of Greece, The Pothitos Family invite you to celebrate the end of winter and welcome the true flavours of spring with a two course menu featuring seasonal lamb, local produce and matching wine. *Mention Flavours of Greece when booking.*

Psarotaverna: Greek Sea Flavour

Philhellene

551-553 Mount Alexander Road, Moonee Ponds | Bookings (03) 9370 3303

Tuesday 19 August, 7pm | \$80 includes ouzo

Philhellene is offering simple, delicious seafood like that found in traditional *psarotavernes* in Greece and the Greek Islands. Small dishes will be served throughout the evening, appropriately paced for maximum enjoyment and accompanied by live music. Products and flavours imported directly from Greece will be used throughout the dinner, accompanied by Barbaresso Oyzo, setting the tone for an evening of great food, drink and conversation.

Contemporary Greek Night

Alpha Ouzeri

342 Brunswick Street, Fitzroy | Bookings (03) 9078 0582

Thursday 21 August & Thursday 4 September, 7pm | \$90 includes wine and ouzo

Enjoy the best of contemporary Greek cuisine with a tapas-style dinner in the heart of Fitzroy. Chefs Christos Katapodis, Fitos Andreou and George Stounaras have prepared an extensive *mezze* menu of many flavours and styles, encouraging the shared, celebratory nature of Greek cuisine.

The Road to Crete

Zimari

268 High Street, Windsor | Bookings (03) 9529 7894

Thursday 28 August, 6:30pm | \$55 includes ouzo

Follow the road to Crete with Zimari, where you will be taken on a culinary journey of traditional and modern flavours from the famous Cretan diet. With a selection of hand-picked recipes from seaside towns to tiny mountain villages, feast on a 12 course degustation menu, featuring traditional Cretan *kalitsounia* pastries and *portokalopita* (Cretan orange cake).

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Argo's Seafood Flavours of Greece

Argo Fishop

320 Queens Parade, Fitzroy North | Enquiries (03) 9489 8714

Monday 8 September – Tuesday 16 September | Individually priced and all dishes include complimentary ouzo. (Greek Community Premium Members receive 10% off)

Celebrate the opening of this new Fitzroy North 'fishop' where Yannis Anastasopoulos and Michalis Boskos will share their passion for all things seafood. Rekindle memories of island holidays, sitting by the water, sipping a glass of ouzo while the catch of the day is prepared as only the locals know. Sample a meze or two; choose from a seafood platter, a dish from the wood-fired grill or maybe something slow roasted in the oven.

The Odyssey: A Journey Through Provincial Hellenic Cuisine

Pireaus Blues

310 Brunswick Street, Fitzroy | Bookings (03) 9417 0222

Thursday 11 September, 7:30pm | \$80 includes wine and ouzo

Indulge in a five-course degustation of provincial Hellenic cuisine, savouring its flavours and aromas through a selection of regional recipes featuring fresh seafood, delicious grilled meats and decadent desserts, all partnered with matching aperitifs and wine.

Kalimera Souvlaki Art

41/43 Chester St, Oakleigh | **Bookings (03) 9939 3912**

Tuesday 16 September, 6:30pm | \$40 (\$35 Greek Community Premium Members)

Sit back and relax and let *Kalimera* take you through a gastronomical journey full of original tastes and authentic Greek recipes from the valley of Romiotopos in Central Macedonia. Handmade starters from the Alexandria region and famous Chalkidona souvlaki, pork and chicken gyros, accompanied by a selection of home-made salads. These flavours of Northern Greece will be finished with a delicious piece of Revani, a specialty dessert from the region of Veria, made on site by Thomas Deliopoulos.

Food from the Greek Gods, A Grecian Village Culinary Experience

Grecian Scenes: Meze Ouzeri

749 Nicholson Street, Carlton North | Bookings (03) 9388 1558

Thursday 18 September, 7:00pm | \$60 includes a glass of wine, ouzo and coffee

Newly established in Carlton North, Grecian Scenes will prepare a 5 course course degustation meze style that even the Greek Gods would be proud of. Feast on a menu of *toursi* (pickled vegetables), *olives*, *homemade bread*, followed by *kokoretsi* (slow cooked goat) *roasted potatoes*, *gemistes piperies* (stuffed peppers), *silverbeet dolmadakia*, traditional handmade filo pastry *spanakopita* (spinach pie) and *tiropita* (cheese pie) accompanied by traditional salads and ending with a dessert of *rizogalo* (Greek rice pudding).

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Spitiko

270 Park Street, South Melbourne | Bookings (03) 9690 2600

Wednesday 24 September, 7pm | \$55 includes ouzo

Celebrate spring with a traditional home-style feast at Spitiko. Kathy Tsaples, author of *Sweet Greek*, together with Katina Parasitos, will prepare a traditional Greek Feast, including succulent whole lamb on the spit and a host of mouthwatering trimmings.

Greek Gourmet Walking Safari

gourmetsafaris.com.au

Saturday 16 August & Saturday 20 September & Saturday 18 October, 9:30am | \$115 includes tour and lunch

Join Food Safari's Maeve O'Meara and writer Victoria Kyriakopoulos on a guided walking tour of the vibrant Greek suburb of Oakleigh. Spend a lively Saturday morning among the horde of shoppers who flock to Oakleigh on a weekly basis, where local butchers fire up their barbecues on the street and cook up delicious *loukaniko* sausages, while the multitude of cafes and *zaxaroplasteia* (cake shops) are buzzing with atmosphere. Start with a coffee and an introduction to the suburb, before heading out to indulge in dips, olives, cheeses, *gyros* and sweets - all from the suburb's passionate traders who take pleasure in your enjoyment. Concluding with lunch, discover great new flavours, recipes, and a fabulous place to return to with friends.