**An evening at the Monasteries of Skopelos**

After popular demand , we are proud to offer you an evening at the monasteries on

board the mini bus of Dolphin office .

Join our monastery tour and discover the beauties, and the serenity of the landscape accompanied with the endless history those monasteries are made off.

We shall meet in front of the Dolphin office heading up to the mountain of Palouki, the sacred mountain of Skopelos where 4 priceless monasteries are located.

Firstly we stop at the monastery of Sotiros , looked after by a monk(Pateras Dionissios)appointed by the Mount Athos Monastery of Ksenofontos.

The Sotiros monastery was founded between 16th and 17th cent.

There is apparently a small writing /plaque from the Patriarch Konstantinos Kirillos the 2nd dated back to 1636. You will get some free time to enter and visit the monastery and its grounds with the monk shells.

Remarkable technique was used for constructing the pebble / stone floor in the interior of the small church.

After the stop at Sotiros monastery we drive further on till we reach the Monastery of Varvaras.

An well preserved and maintened monastery dedicated to Agia Varvara(saint Varvara).

Built in a fortress style , it’s a fine example of a Kastromonastiro. The whole grounds , the walls , the church , are all there since it was initially built apart from the monk shells which are dated at a later period.

Look for the plaque outside the main door of the church which dates back to 1697 which is probably the year of reconstruction and not the year it was built

From its T shape of the main building , the heavy construction and the separation of the main temple into 3 sections , all 3 dedicated to 3 different saints, tell us the monastery is a lot older. The temple is all wooden carved gold coated worth to notice and to take a photo but without the use of a flash.

Nearby just a 300mts walk , you can see the monastery of Prodromou, dedicated to John the Baptist. The visit to the monastery is subject to whether the nuns are healthy and well to keep the doors open to the public. It used to be a monastery with nuns , which only the last 70 years of its operation became a monastery with monks.

Its dedicated to John the Baptist and had serious course or renovation from scratch in 1724 by the monk Filaretos. Impressive wooden carved gold plates temple holds 15 icons representing the most important orthodox celebrations. All icons are dating back to 16th and 17th century.

Dress code is to cover legs and shoulders when entering the grounds of the monasteries

The evening starts from the Dolphin office at 17:30 hrs giving you some good chance to capture the sunset.(the start time is subject to season)

Ad – Ch price 20 euros.