

**The Funky Gourmet summer Pop-Up at Costa Navarino
brings a 2 Michelin Star dining experience in Messinia, Peloponnese**



*Messinian Salad
Free Range Cured Egg Yolk*



Costa Navarino 'Pasteli' Macarons

This summer, Costa Navarino in southwest Peloponnese, is enhancing its extensive culinary offering, through an exciting new partnership with the Athenian Funky Gourmet restaurant.

For the first time in Greece, a restaurant awarded with 2 Michelin stars will operate outside of Athens, in the stunning location of the brand new, earth-sheltered clubhouse at the Navarino Bay resort area, in Costa Navarino. Overlooking the historic bay with spectacular sunset vistas, the multi-awarded Chefs Georgianna Hiliadaki and Nikos Roussos will showcase a 2-hour gastronomic journey, offering a degustation menu of Avant Garde Messinian-Greek cuisine.

The culinary experts behind this highly esteemed restaurant saw this partnership with Costa Navarino as an opportunity to study the Messinian food culture. Local ingredients and traditions will be brought to life, combining the high-quality raw materials of the region with avant-garde cooking techniques and a unique presentation, transforming the guests' dinner into an unconventional culinary experience. This unique menu will come alive with colors, aromas and flavours, composing a delicious canvas that will appeal to all senses and elevate the Messinian gastronomy to new sensory heights.

The Funky Gourmet Chefs, Georgianna and Nikos, commented: *"We couldn't help but grab the opportunity to create a menu based on products sourced in the rich Messinian land. We consider the Messinian diet to be a gastronomic landmark of the Greek culinary heritage"*.

Both Costa Navarino and Funky Gourmet share the same excitement for this project, due to their common gastronomic vision and quality values.

Overlooking the Ionian Sea and surrounded by olive groves, Navarino Dunes at Costa Navarino is home to 21 venues that offer a wide gastronomy offering, including traditional and modern Greek, Mediterranean and ethnic cuisine among others. With an emphasis on fresh local produce, the restaurants utilize freshly cultivated vegetables and herbs from the gardens at Navarino Dunes, alongside the destination's extra virgin olive-oil from its centuries-old olive groves.

Info

Operation: The Funky Gourmet Pop-Up restaurant will operate from July 8th to August 17th 2019 and will be open for dinner Monday to Saturday, 19:00-00:00 (last seating 21:30).

Reservations: Reservations for the Pop-Up will open on Monday, May 6th 2019 via email: reservations@funkygourmet.com or by phone: +30 2105242727

Reservation desk hours: Monday - Friday 10.00 – 15.00.

Reservations policy: To reserve a table, full pre-payment of the menu is required. The degustation menu cost is 220€ and is fully refundable for any cancellations up to 3 days in advance of the reservation date. Due to limited availability, it is recommended to book well in advance.

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About Costa Navarino

Costa Navarino is the prime, sustainable destination in the Mediterranean, located in the Greek region of Messinia in the southwest Peloponnese. One of the most unspoiled and breathtaking seaside Mediterranean landscapes, this area has been shaped by 4,500 years of history. Its philosophy is driven by a genuine desire to promote Messinia, while protecting and preserving its natural beauty and heritage. It will comprise a number of distinct sites featuring 5-star deluxe hotels, luxury residences, conference facilities, spa and thalassotherapy centres, signature golf courses, as well as a wide range of unique year-round activities for adults and children. Navarino Dunes, the first area, is home to two luxury 5-star hotels, The Romanos, a Luxury Collection Resort and The Westin Resort, Costa Navarino; The Dunes Course – the first signature golf course in Greece- Anazoe Spa, a 4,000sq.m. spa & thalassotherapy centre; the state-of-the-art conference centre House of Events; specially designed facilities for children; as well as a variety of gastronomy venues, sports, outdoor and cultural activities. Navarino Bay, the second area is home to the signature golf course, The Bay Course, with two new sites under construction.

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About Funky Gourmet

Funky Gourmet restaurant co-founded in 2008 by Argyro Hiliadaki – managing director – and the Chefs Georgianna Hiliadaki and Nikos Roussos.

In Funky Gourmet the Chefs, based on the finest quality products and seasonality, re-think their culinary Greek heritage creating an avant-garde Greek cuisine that is both innovative and playful. A cuisine that aims to activate the senses of their guests while engaging them in an exciting and unconventional experience.

In 2012 Funky Gourmet was awarded with 1 Michelin star and in 2014 the Michelin Guide awarded the restaurant with 2 stars. Since then it is ranked among the best restaurants in the world by many international guides. "Xrysoi Skoufoi" national Greek awards have also repeatedly awarded Funky Gourmet as one of the Best Restaurants in Greece with 2 Golden Hats.

After ten years of operation, Funky Gourmet is now partners with Ionian Hotel Enterprises S.A to launch the brand-new Funky Gourmet Restaurant.

The restaurant is relocating from Kerameikos area to the landmark building of Hilton Athens, in the heart of the city, opening again its doors in 2020.

For 2019 the Funky Gourmet Team has organized for its guests two amazing Pop Ups. A summer Pop Up during July and August at the breathtaking Costa Navarino in Peloponnese, Greece and a winter Pop Up during November at the emblematic restaurant Ikarus in Salzburg, Austria.

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