



GREEK ORTHODOX EASTER CELEBRATIONS

Welcome to spend time with us during the Greek Orthodox Easter! Eggs and candles are symbolic for Greek Easter. The egg stands as a symbol of rebirth and is usually painted red. It is often used to decorate a rich sweet bread called 'tsourekí'. The candle symbolizes life and it is long and elaborately decorated. At the midnight Mass on Easter Saturday, priests will pass out the light of life to the Easter candles held by churchgoers to signify the Resurrection of Jesus. Churchgoers will carefully transport home the holy candle light to bless the home with happiness and longevity. As the Easter is traditionally preceded by fifty days of fasting, the family's return to a normal meat-based diet is signalled by the Easter soup "Mageritsa", which is served upon return from the midnight Mass. This ceremonial soup, accented by an egg and lemon sauce, arouses the appetite and prepares us for the splendours of the Easter lunch feast. At Nissi Beach Resort, we enjoy following the tradition and invite our guests to the following happenings:

GOOD FRIDAY, 26/04/2019 - EPITAPHIOS

20.00 hrs.: Local bus transfer to the Sepulchre services ("epitaphios") from NISSI BEACH RESORT to Ayia Napa church. There will be a procession of the Tomb of Christ, which is beautifully decorated with flowers.

Reservations latest by Friday morning at the Reception.

EASTER SATURDAY, 27/04/2019 - MIDNIGHT MASS

23.00 hrs.: Local bus transfer to the Resurrection of the Lord service at midnight from NISSI BEACH RESORT to Ayia Napa church (the Canon of Easter starts at 23.00). All our hotel guests will be provided with a candle for the church ceremony. Reservations latest by Thursday morning at the Reception. 00.30 hrs.: Midnight Easter soup "mageritsa" is served at the Ambrosia restaurant alongside traditional 'flaouna' and 'tsourekí', as well as red Easter eggs.

*Price for adults 9.00 euro and for children (below 12 years of age) 4.50 euro.
Reservations latest by Friday morning at the Reception.*

EASTER SUNDAY, 28/04/2019

13.00 hrs.: A festive Easter lunch buffet with live traditional music will be organised at the Ambrosia restaurant. The festive buffet includes whole lamb ovelias, souvla, village pasta, liver specialties and other traditional dishes alongside traditional 'flaouna' and red Easter eggs, as well as a rich salad buffet and a big selection of sweets and fresh fruits.

*Price for adults 25.00 euro and for children (below 12 years of age) 12.50 euro.
Guest on half-board, full-board or All-Inclusive wishing to have the Festive Easter lunch pay a supplement of 15.00 euro per person.
Reservations latest by Saturday morning at the Reception.*

Easter Sunday Dinner buffet will be served at the Ambrosia restaurant.