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Nemea Wine Tour Guide



About

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Greece's largest red-wine region and the home of Agiorgitiko — vineyards with 3,000+ years of history, an hour from Athens.

Nemea is the beating heart of Greek red wine. Its signature grape, **Agiorgitiko**, has been cultivated here since antiquity and produces everything from soft, cherry-bright reds to deep, age-worthy wines. With over 30 wineries — nearly half open to visitors — Nemea is one of the most rewarding wine escapes in the country.

Why Nemea

- **Agiorgitiko** — Greece's most planted red grape, full-bodied and complex, at its very best here.
- Vineyards wrapped around ancient sites, including the Sanctuary of Nemean Zeus.
- Family estates where the winemaker often pours the tasting themselves.

Top wineries that welcome visitors

Most Nemea wineries are visit-by-appointment, so email or call 2–3 days ahead. Among the estates that open their doors:

Gaia Wines

Open to visitors year-round by appointment — one of Nemea's most celebrated producers, with an immersive vineyard-and-cellar experience.

Palivos Estate

A family estate inviting guests to explore the vineyards, cellar and production, with guided tastings of Agiorgitiko.

Semeli Estate

A modern winery with a warm visitor programme — tour the cellar, walk the vines and taste the range.

Several other family estates line the Nemea wine roads. Tastings typically start from around €10 (usually 4–6 wines with a cheese plate).

How to get there

- **By car:** ~1h30 from Athens via the E94 — the wineries are spread across the valley, so a car helps.
- **By organised tour:** the relaxed choice — someone else drives while you taste. Pickup, guide and 3–4 wineries handled for you.

September harvest — the best time to visit

The mid-seasons of spring (April–May) and autumn (September–October) are ideal. September brings the **trygos** (grape harvest): the vineyards buzz with activity, the light is golden, and many estates host harvest events.

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