



Mosaic Elephants in Thessaloniki attract tourists

These two colorful and mosaic like elephants that are in Thessaloniki have become a tourist attraction in themselves. Used to promote the which begins September 5th, the elephants have quickly become a local and tourist favorite.

Each year, a country is honored at the festival and India will be honored this year. Visitors to the 74th TIF will have the opportunity to become acquainted with this exotic country, its magic, flavours and colours, as well as its cultural and entrepreneurial aspects. Distinguished Indian economists will be analyzing the phenomenon of ultra-fast development of Indian economy at TIF's Business Forum, while a full range of parallel events have been planned, such as an Indian Film Festival and an Indian Food Festival, music and dance events. Tie in with the elephants there? We think so. Make sure to hit up one of the very many festivals going on all over this weekend. And in Australia, go support the Greek Film Festival!

Gunmen kidnap Greek national

CHITRAL (NNI): Unknown gunmen have kidnapped a Greek national in Kalash valely, police said Tuesday. Athanasios Lerounis had established a museum at Kalash valley of Chitral district. Officials said that a police guard was killed and a police man and a servant were injured during exchange of fire between the gunmen and the policemen between the night of Monday and Tuesday. The gunmen took the Greek national after shooting, the officials said. Police said that the Greek national had been living in Kalash vally since 2001 and had been looking after the museum. The police have launched search for the kidnappers but there has been no progress so far. The people suspect that professional kidnapers may be behind the incident. However the police can not rule out the possibility of the involvement of the militants. Chitral, bordering Afghanistan's Badakhshan province, is considered to be safe from the militants. However, several Afghans had been kidnapped in the past. A former Afghan official Akhtar Kohistani was kidnapped last year in Chitral and Taliban from Dir district had claimed responsibility for the kidnapping. Kohistani was later freed on the intervention of local jirga or council of elders.

Honeymoon destination of the week: Santorini

The Greek island of Santorini is a place of whitewashed villages perched atop sheer volcanic cliffs, glistening black- and red-sand beaches, ancient ruins, winding cobbled streets, blue-domed roofs, and generous bursts of bright-colored bougainvillea. On top of all that, the views—which confront you everywhere—just might be the best in the world.

The southernmost member of Greece's Cycladic islands, Santorini was a round island until, about 3500 years ago, it became the site of one of history's greatest volcanic explosions. The island's center fell into the sea—giving rise, historians say, to the myth of Atlantis. Left behind was a crescent-shaped island whose high, sheer-sided cliffs overlook



the deep, water-filled crater (or caldera). Today, when arriving at Santorini by ferry and crossing the caldera's intense blue waters, visitors are confronted by those cliffs. Like beautiful guardians, the island's two major villages cling to the top—Oia (ee-yah) at the northern end, and Thira in the center. The beauty of it all is overwhelming. Before you even step from the ferry you'll be planning a return visit.

Autumn is a wonderful time to visit Santorini. Summer's tourist frenzy is over, the island is serene, and the weather is still warm enough for swimming. Best of all, the price of accommodations plummets from summer's inflated rates.

A few Santorini highlights

Oia: Greek villages just don't come more gorgeous than this, accounting for the fact that Oia is so frequently photographed.

Thira: Santorini's capital, Thira—also called Fira—is known for its blue-domed churches, barrel-roofed cave houses, lively tavernas, and sheer beauty.

Beachin' It: The island's most popular and crowded beach, black-sand Kamari is alive with outdoor cafts, bouzouki music, and scads of international sun worshippers.

Akrotiri: Santorini's version of Pompeii, Akrotiri was a thriving Minoan port town until a massive volcanic explosion around 1650 BC covered and preserved it with volcanic ash.

Santorini Wines: The island's unique wines, made from two indigenous grapes—Akkyrtiko and Vinsanto—are grown atop ash, lava, and pumice, with the sun and sea as constant companions.

It's Hats On, Pants Off For Jennifer Aniston in Harper's

Jennifer Aniston forgot her pants for the October cover shoot of Australian . She doesn't need more than a simple black top and hat to accentuate her and big smile. Inside, she stuck to her usual interview topics like her romantic history and strong stable of girl friends, but she also joked about her successful career and what she would be doing if not acting.

· On love: "I think it's important to have closure in any relationship that ends - from a romantic relationship to a friendship. You should always have a sense of clarity at the end and know why it began and why it ended. You need that in your life to move cleanly into your next phase. I'm still a romantic. I still believe in love."

· On being lucky in her career: "I don't know. I've never sat and plotted out how I was going to become successful or famous. I just really wanted to work - to do good work - ever since I was at the High School of Performing Arts [in New York]. My Russian acting coach told me I was a disgrace to the Moscow Theatre. So I was determined to prove him wrong and do good work. I've never had my eye on a prize. I really wanted to enjoy the passage of time. Before Friends and the success of that I have a graveyard of sitcoms that, thank god, you don't know about. I was happy to get a job every year, whether it went on or not."

To read what Jennifer has to say about her possible alternate career,

good female friends and more just read more.

· On women doing too much: "Oh yeah. I think that's because it's just instinctual as a woman to be the caretaker of your home. Women complain that men don't do enough, but it's your own fault. You train your man to do nothing. You can't blame someone for not knowing what his or her job should be if you don't ask for it right off the bat."

· On lasting relationships: "I think it's laziness. I really do. I think a good relationship is about collaboration. That's the way to go in a relationship. I think you just need to talk to each other. Say what you need. Say what you want. That way it's not

threatening. You just need to say, 'This is important to me.' Don't expect your mate to read your mind."

· On what she would be doing if not acting: "Sure, I always thought it would be fun to own a restaurant. My family is Greek, and many of them own restaurants and coffee shops, and I make a great baklava with my grandmother's recipe."

· On her friendships: "I have great support and great friends. My close friends are important to me, so I make time for them. I've always wanted good friendships and they have supported me, through good times and bad. It's [also] good to have something creative, a creative outlet. I loved having work to go to."

