## Women's Ritual Dances 뾽 20 April - 4 May 2022

\* Celebrate Greek Easter: 2-week Dance & Culture Holíday \*

with Laura Shannon, guest teachers & musicians on the magical island of Lesvos

A unique 2-week dance and culture holiday for women, to celebrate Greek Easter, featuring mainly Greek dances, but also Balkan and Armenian. We will enjoy traditional Easter celebrations as well as the sea, hot springs, and sacred sites, with plenty of time to relax and enjoy. Exquisite live music will be provided by Kostantis Kourmadias and Nikolas Angelopoulos,



and a local dance teacher will share traditional women's dances from Lesvos and Asia Minor.



Milelia Inselgarten near Molivos is a beautiful retreat centre with a wonderful setting, excellent food, lovely rooms, and welcoming staff— now under enthusiastic new management (please note new spelling of *Milelia*). It has an octagonal dance temple, ancient oak and olive trees, a pure spring-fed swimming pool, a labyrinth, shady and sunny terraces, and a fabulous view of ancient Molivos. It is 20 minutes from the sea, a perfect place for a dance retreat. Visit their new website at www.Milelia-Inselgarten.com

Traditional ritual dances are among the oldest circle dances. Simple yet profound, they celebrate the sacredness of the natural world, and help us reconnect with ourselves, each other and the cycles of life. Coming from cultures which have survived many periods of transition, these ancient dances can wisely and joyfully guide us through life changes, as well as the inner journey of the Easter mysteries. *Course language is English*.

The 2-week workshop is **open to women with dance experience**. Cost: €770 if deposit paid by March 21, 2022; €845 thereafter. To book: <u>laura@laurashannon.net</u>. Course language is English. The seminar is open to both vaccinated and unvaccinated participants.

The course price includes 20 hours of dance lessons; one full-day excursion to dance in a sacred site with lunch; arrival & farewell dinners; and 2 festive Easter meals. Drinks, lunches, taverna evenings, airport transfers and tips are not included. Accommodation is in comfortable rooms, wooden caravans, or studios with kitchenette (all with ensuite shower/WC). A delicious, abundant breakfast buffet is included in the price. Room prices in 2022 range from  $\leq$ 48-50 per person per night in twin room,  $\leq$ 63-65 per person per night in single room. An overnight tax of 50 cents/night must be paid at the end of your stay.



Arrival: Wednesday 20 April after 15.00. The workshop begins with dinner together. Departure: Wed. 4 May after breakfast. If you wish to stay some extra days before or after the seminar, Milelia Inselgarten staff can help arrange extra accommodation, either at Milelia or elsewhere: office@milelia-inselgarten.com Flights are not included. You must arrange your own travel to Mytilene (Lesvos) and you must have travel insurance which fully covers any Covid-related costs. A non-refundable deposit of €250 will confirm your place; please email Laura for bank details: laura@laurashannon.net. You can also pay in other currencies. Course balance and accommodation payment are due in cash on arrival.